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# Big smiles from Ollie – the three-year-old who survived a stroke

Ollie Shearan with mum Nicola.

**OLLIE SHEARAN was only three when he had a devastating stroke.**

Three years later, the cheeky six-year-old is making remarkable progress and is inspiring his friends and family to raise money and awareness by taking part in Step Out for Stroke.

Ollie was happily playing at his friend's house in Maesteg, Bridgend, when he collapsed: "I thought he'd just hurt himself," recalled his mum Nicola.

"His head was down and I thought he was just a bit embarrassed, but when I lifted it up, his face was distorted and I could see something was seriously wrong."

The toddler was airlifted to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff and placed in an induced coma while doctors performed brain scans.

His parents were told he might not make it through the night, but against the odds, Ollie was brought out of his coma and spent the next few months in the care of stroke specialists.

"After the stroke he was like a newborn baby again," said the mum of three.

"But he began holding his head up on his own and steadily learned to eat and talk. It was really special when he was able to say 'Mam' again."

Since leaving hospital, Ollie has continued to make a great recovery.

"He's now running about, he's talking, but it's not 100 per cent. He has epilepsy and will need to take aspirin for the rest of his life, but he's now a healthy little boy."

Doctors have never discovered what caused the blood clot which led to Ollie's stroke, but it is thought he'd had a stroke before.

There are more than 400 childhood strokes a year in the UK and it is believed that a lot more children are having strokes than are actually being diagnosed.

Nicola is trying to raise awareness of stroke in young people and has helped organise events at Ollie's school, Caerau Primary, including an annual fundraiser to help teachers, students and parents understand more about stroke in children and adults.

In May 2016, Ollie, Nicola and their family took part in the Bridgend Step Out for Stroke event.

"We walked the whole route and Ollie made it about three quarters of the way and finished on my shoulders," said Nicola.

"It was incredible seeing how much support we had – seeing all our friends, family and people from Ollie's school was quite overwhelming. Ollie took it all in his stride, like he does. Between the three children, there was a lot of excitement to be there."

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The fire outside Nantymoel. Photograph by Creative Instincts

# INFERNO IN NANTYMOEL

**A FIRE just outside Nantymoel in the Ogmore Valley broke out around 9.30pm on Friday evening, and took firefighters more than two hours to put out the blaze.**

An eyewitness told The GEM: "Locals who have lived there for 30 years have said that it has happened a few times, and it is believed that children are starting the fires deliberately.

"A few people were evacuated from their houses into the streets for a short while, but fortunately the fire didn't reach the houses. The fire covered about an acre of land."

# Man (64) in court after assault

**POLICE investigating an assault at Treoes Community Centre on Saturday, May 6, have charged a 64-year-old man.**

Officers were called to the scene of the incident at approximately 10.20pm. A local man was taken to hospital with serious injuries and has since been discharged.

Michael Phillip Escott, who is local to the area, appeared at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Monday, May 8, charged with wounding with intent. He was remanded in custody, to appear in Cardiff Crown Court on June 5.

*Anyone who witnessed the incident but has not yet spoken to officers, is urged to contact 101, quoting reference 1700172802.*

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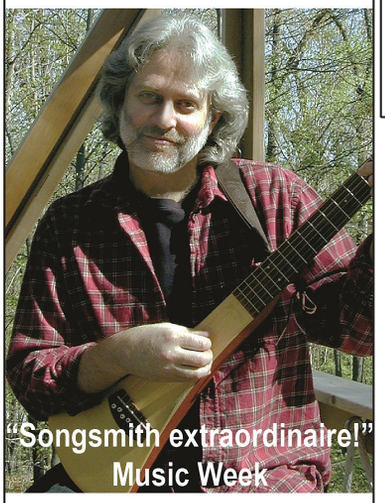
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*Jeff Kent attends to a customer.*

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Yes, I am talking about Jeff Kent 'The Barber', the fountain of all knowledge for the community of Mynydd Cynffig.

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**Report and photograph by Keith E Morgan**

# Coalfield grants are up for grabs

**THE Coalfields Community Grants programme in Wales can award grants from £500 up to £7,000.**

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) has arranged one-to-one appointments with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust at their offices in Maesteg on Thursday, June 15 from 3pm to 6pm, for voluntary groups in Bridgend county borough to discuss their projects and ideas that the trust could fund.

A spokesperson said: "The programme is for community and voluntary organisations that can demonstrate strongly that a grant will impact positively on people living in the former coalfield communities of Wales.

"Grants will be awarded for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify 'clear positive outcomes for people that can be measured'."

Projects will need to meet one or more of the following themes of creation and employment support, skills and training, social enterprise development and community buildings to be eligible for support from the grant programme.

The project must be based in an eligible coalfield community or be able to show 'clear and immediate benefits' for an eligible community.

Eligible wards are in Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Caerau, Llangeinor, Maesteg West, Maesteg East, Nantyffyllon, Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale, Pencoed, Pontycymmer and Ynysawdre.

Further details can be found by visiting the funding news section at bavo.org.uk before June 8.

# Readers' Letters

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# The law is quite clear about voting cards

**AS a fully qualified political agent for over 40 years, I feel I must reply to your correspondent – Mr E Thomas (April 27) – who seems to totally misunderstand electoral law and – wrongly – takes issue with BCBC electoral services by suggesting 'they are not concerned' that voting without polling cards is 'allowed to happen'.**

BCBC, the Vale Council and all other local authorities in Great Britain are simply complying with electoral law which clearly indicates that polling cards are not essential when voting – nor is it necessary for voters to provide any form of identification unless challenged, where there may be a suspicion of impersonation.

The law differs in Northern Ireland where ability to vote does involve some form of identification.

Your correspondent states: 'In the past, people were challenged and ot allowed to vote if they could not produce their voting card'. This statement is wholly untrue and that procedure has never happened.

The poll card is issued solely as a means to advise voters of an election and identifies their polling station and details of postal and proxy vote formalities if they may require them.

Those are its major functions – nothing more.

If the card should be discarded prior to the election, for example in the street or recycling box, the card could be retrieved by a third party and used illegally; so the polling card in itself would not be foolproof against electoral fraud.

The basis of voting at any election has traditionally relied on voters' honesty and it will be a sad day for citizens if their integrity was challenged by officialdom at every opportunity.

That is not to deny that, over the years, UK society has changed and democracy now faces challenges not envisaged when current electoral law was drawn up.

With the ever-increasing use of mobile and electronic gadgets, the clamour will come to vote 'online' in the future.

When that time comes – and I believe it will – what possible use as identification will a poll card be in that situation?

In conclusion, may I say that local authorities are doing nothing wrong in the way they conduct elections and they should all be given thanks, not criticism, for carrying out what is an exacting job in the name of democracy, often without the gratitude from the public which is due to them.

**Coun David Unwin, Bridgend.**

# Stronger Knowing More raising awareness of prostate cancer in black men

**A FEW weeks ago I turned 57, placing me firmly in two risk categories for prostate cancer.**

I've recently starting working with Prostate Cancer UK and I've come to learn that as a black man over 50, my risk of the disease is double that of a white man the same age. One in four black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, compared with one in eight white men.

Despite the shocking odds, I find it more concerning that just saying the word 'prostate' within many black communities remains such a massive taboo subject. The disease is simply not spoken about, and if it is, it's in a 'hush hush, don't tell anyone' type of way. How can it be that something that affects so many black fathers, uncles, sons, and friends is continually swept under the carpet and ignored?

My physical and mental health has always been important to me. When I was in the prime of my career, it was the most important thing. However, as I've grown older I've come to realise that no matter how well I eat, or how fit I am, I am not indestructible – nobody is. But there are defence measures I can take and arming myself with knowledge is by far the most important.

That's why I'm supporting Prostate Cancer UK's Stronger Knowing More campaign and I'm urging all your black readers to do the same. Understand your risk of prostate cancer and act on it. This challenge is a marathon, not a sprint and if we're going to beat it, the whole black community needs to start breaking down the taboos and start talking.

**Linford Christie, London**

# Recycling is too complicated

**IT seems strange that there is a shortage of funds at local authories for the electorate, care homes etc, yet Labour-controlled BCBC believes an increase in the collection of recyclable waste from 58 per cent is worth the cost of the new system.**

Sending out a new brochure, nicely colour produced and postage, plus the following list of containers: orange for cardboard, white for paper, blue for metal and plastic, small brown caddy for food waste (which you then place outside in larger brown caddy), new gloss black caddy for glass, and blue plastic large bag for general waste.

Where do people living in flats keep all of these items, for health and hygiene purposes, and another confusing system for the elderly and infirm?

**Barry Hoey, Bridgend.**

# Proposed relocation of Porthcawl Town Council will waste public money

**SINCE the inception of Porthcawl Town Council in 1996, it had offices in Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, where they have a main office, council chamber and two large storage offices.**

The 'mutually endorsed and supported Porthcawl independents', who now include two former Liberal Democrats, want to move from there to a small office in Mary Street with no council chamber or storage room.

This move will cost Porthcawl Town Council more because there is no council chamber, so the council will need to rent another room elsewhere. The council will also need to rent additional storage space.

The aforementioned independents also want to auction the fixtures, fittings and furniture off.

There have been several meetings to discuss this move and it does concern me that they are trying to bulldoze this move through.

It appears that they do not understand democracy because every time they lose the vote on this topic they get rather abusive, and revert to Facebook to make adverse comments about the councillors who oppose them.

Do not forget, this is public money that will, in my opinion, be wasted.

**J W Bunker, Porthcawl.**

*GEM NOTE: Porthcawl Town Council has two independent councillors who are independent of the 11 'mutually supported and endorsed Porthcawl independents'.*

# UKIP 'NOT DEAD YET'

**THE vote in the council elections was NOT a vote against UKIP – it was a vote against the Labour Party.**

After the General Election next month, an effective opposition will be necessary, and UKIP must still be there alongside the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats.

We are not dead yet.

**Coun Tom Turner, Bridgend**

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

**(UNTIL MAY 18)**

***The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.***

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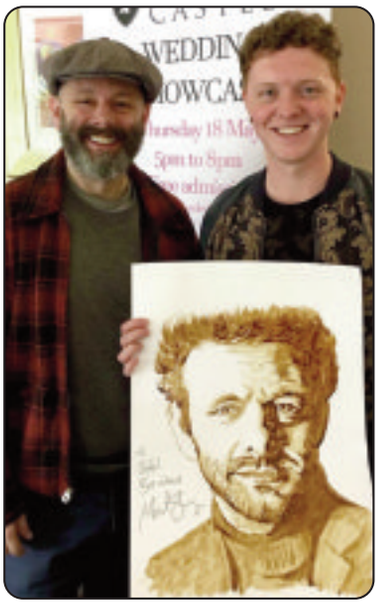
# 'Coffee-portrait' of Hollywood star Michael Sheen helps charity



*Michael Sheen (left) with Nathan Wyburn holding the 'coffee portrait'.*

**HOLLYWOOD star Michael Sheen showed his support for Bridgend-based mental health charity, Gofal, by signing a portrait of himself , which is to be auctioned.**

The portrait – created in coffee – was created by distinctive 'food artist' and Britain's Got Talent runner up, Nathan Wyburn, as part of a recent week-long fundraiser being held by artisan café bar KIN+ILK.

Nathan, renowned for his unique portraits of celebrities using food and household objects, created four masterpieces a day over five days using coffee served in Cardiff-based KIN+ILK.

Michael Sheen was one of a host of stars including Matt Johnson, Derek Brockway and Prince Harry, receiving the 'Wyburn treatment'.

KIN+ILK has been supporting Gofal, which was founded in 1990 in Bridgend, since opening its first Café Bar in Cardiff's Capital Quarter in January 2016.

Speaking about linking up with Gofal, Nathan said: "I think it's important to support and talk about all mental health issues. I think 'creative people', like myself, can often feel 'tortured in our own heads' and become our own worst enemies – whether that's professionally or personally.

"Raising awareness and getting rid of that stigma behind the words 'mental health' is a must."

Alex Jenkins, director of KIN+ILK, said: "When we set out we had a strong vision for KIN+ILK in that each of our venues would serve great coffee and locally-sourced food in a distinctively designed environment allowing our customers – or our ILK – to meet, eat, drink, connect and collaborate in calm and inspiring spaces.

"We've definitely achieved this, and people often comment about the unique décor and style of our cafes. Having Nathan showcase his artworks in our Cathedral Road branch and create these original pieces has been very exciting."

The five-day event culminated on the Friday with a raffle and the opportunity to buy the creations with proceeds being donated to Gofal.

*To find out more about KIN+ILK visit www.kinandilk.com, or to see more of Nathan's work visit www.nathanwyburn.co.uk.*

# 'You are only two feet a way from a good walk'

**NUMEROUS reports have been issued recently outlining the benefits of walking. These aren't only limited to the obvious physical benefits of exercise, but also assist in combating other challenging issues.**

Walking with an organised group brings access to areas of the countryside you may not have considered or even knew about.

We are particularly well blessed with an extensive network of public footpaths in south Wales giving access to our coastline, countryside and hillsides. Walking in such beautiful surroundings not only increases your heartbeat but raises your spirits.

Bridgend Ramblers have an extensive walks programme that caters for walkers of all ability levels, starting from fortnightly strolls of two to three miles, on a relatively flat course (for Wales!) with few or no stiles, through to strenuous 14 -mile hikes in the Brecon Beacons. We have three walks each Sunday offering short (5 to 6 miles), medium (8 to 10 miles) and long (10 to 14 miles) walks of varying difficulty.

The majority of our walks are in Bridgend or neighbouring counties. See website www.bridgendramblers.co.uk for details of our recently published programme for spring and summer 2017.

If you're trying to get off the couch but don't fancy the gym, why not come and join us for a walk in the countryside? Meet some new friends, take part in discussions on varying topics as you walk along (rugby, football, politics, wood-turning, in Welsh or English) or just take in the views!

We encourage new walkers to try three free walks before joining the Ramblers – a year's membership probably equates to a month at a gym!

Don't forget, you're only two feet away from a good walk – look down and you'll see them!

**ALLAN MORGAN**

# First Minister does not want to 'import English chaos' to Wales

**SUZY DAVIES AM has sought an assurance that money allocated to local councils like Bridgend specifically for social care is spent on that and nothing else.**

The Conservative AM for South Wales West raised the issue with First Minister Carwyn Jones at the National Assembly.

She said she was 'annoyed' that Bridgend Council has cut £2 million from its social care budget, despite an additional £2 billion received from the UK Government and other additional money from the Welsh Government.

She told Mr Jones: "Your minister told me that some money would be conditional going to councils — that money would only go to them provided it could be shown it would be used for social care rather than other priorities.

"I know you will have examined all the council budgets in Wales. So can you tell me whether you're sure that all the money that the minister has set aside for social care will be used for social care and not for competing priorities?"

Mr Jones said authorities across Wales have done very well in providing social services despite cuts made by the Conservatives.

He said: "We have seen the crisis in social care in England. That's a crisis that we've not had in Wales because of the investment we've put into social care and the extra £20 million that has already been announced.

"The last thing we want is to import that kind of chaos into Wales."

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*The clock face has been restored to its former glory.*

# A very striking clock at All Saints Church

**FOR approximately 18 years, the tower clock at All Saints' Church, Pen-y-Fai, did not work. Many people attempted to repair the mechanism but failed.**

In 2014, David Thomas, a parishioner, died, making a bequest to All Saints' Church with the request that it be invested in a project in his memory.

The vicar and PCC members chose to replace the very dilapidated main entrance gates, installing a plaque dedicating them to Mr Thomas.

In addition, with the remainder of the bequest, and by raising extra funds, boosted by a donation from the Community Council, they engaged Smith of Derby, the original installers, to repair the clock.

The repair cost around £14, 000 and has delighted the villagers of Pen-y-Fai who have welcomed the return of the striking clock.

A spokesperson said: "However, the restoration of the clock brought attention to the sad exterior of the clock face. It was agreed that this too should be restored by Smith of Derby, but because of the specialist nature of such work, the quotation was high.

"The support for this project is so wide that PCC members made the decision to make an application to BAVO in the hope of receiving Suncredit Community Benefit Fund money, supported by Coun David Lewis, and John Morgan and Hopkin Joseph of Watts & Morgan in Nolton Street, Bridgend.

"They were grateful when funding was granted by BAVO, for the full cost of restoration, which has now been completed. "

The Reverend Anthony Beer, Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Laleston and Merthyr Mawr with Pen-y-Fai, and parishioners wish to thank everyone concerned with the restoration.

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# Patient left 'stranded' for 589 days in hospital bed

**REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies is to write to the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University health board (ABMU) for details of the patient left stranded in a hospital bed for more than 18 months after being ready for discharge.**

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative, said that hospitals within the ABMU area, including Morriston and Princess of Wales, had been badly hit by bed shortages, resulting in the cancellation of elective surgery.

A spokesperson for ABMU confirmed the delay, and said: "We can confirm one patient's discharge from hospital was delayed for 589 days. This was because we had to await the completion of adaptations to the patient's home."

Mrs Davies said: "I find it incredible that a patient has been left to languish for 18 months after doctors said they could leave the hospital. Apart from the fact that during this time that bed could have been used by dozens of other patients, I have grave concerns about the effect of the delay on that individual patient.

"Elderly people can lose a lot of capacity from being hospitalised for even a matter of weeks when it comes to things like mobility and being continent, and there are also psychological effects including becoming institutionalised.

"I am sure staff will have done their best in this case, but this person would have been unable to access the reablement and rehabilitation services that are available in the community.

"The delayed transfer of care in this case needs to be investigated and I will be in contact with board chairman Andrew Davies. I appreciate that there may well be circumstances peculiar to this particular patient which have prevented the discharge from taking place, but I am amazed that the problem, whatever it is, could not have been solved more quickly.

She added: "The terrible thing is that the Labour-run Welsh NHS has seen a rash of such cases across Wales. One patient in North Wales has been ready for discharge for three and a half years while many others have spent months in a hospital bed when they do not need to be there."

The ABMU spokesperson admitted that delayed transfers of care "... can have an adverse impact on patients and puts additional pressures on services".

They continued: "The health board strives to discharge patients from hospital as soon as they are well enough to leave, either to their own homes or to the next stage of their care."

The spokesperson said that the "overriding priority" is to ensure patients are discharged into a safe environment, and pointed out that, as in this case, specific care packages must be put in place or for home adaptations to be carried out.

"Sometimes this can take longer than we would like, often for reasons which are outside the health board's control," said the spokesperson.

"ABMU continues to work closely with its local authority and other partners to develop measures to reduce delayed transfers of care, now and in the longer term," the spokesperson said.

# Bridgend bands lead the way at the Cwmafan Music Festival

*Fire Fences.*

*The Blims.*

**CWMAFAN Music Festival returns on Saturday, May 27 at the Football Club in Cwmafan for its seventh year, drawing to a close on the night of Sunday, May 28.**

Festival director Phil Samuel said: "We are lucky this year to find two bands right on our doorstep with one of Wales's most promising and exciting young rock bands Fire Fences joining the lineup, whose members are from Bridgend. Having played from Los Angeles to London, Fire Fences have a wide range of influences which captures their audience with sheer energy and enthusiasm."

Local legends of folk rock also from Bridgend, The Blims, will also be joining the lineup – a must-see act for anyone seeking fresh, feel good music that's that little bit different.

Phil added: "Following the success of Cwmafan Music Festival 2016, we have come back with a bigger lineup with The Blockheads and The Karrots headlining The Penderyn Distillery Stage to kick off the summer.

"We are passionate about new and original music and so this year, we are keeping Saturday dedicated to some of the best original artists from across Wales to support The Blockheads.

"Bands scheduled to play The Penderyn Distillery Stage include headliners The Blockheads and The Karrots, with support from Pollen Count (performing their original repertoire), Bridgend's The Blims and Fire Fences, The Immediate, Garvin, The Circuit Symphony, Rapha Ghetti, The Electric Co., The Acoustic Beatles, The Somethings and also joining the bill is one of Wales's top singer songwriters and star of BBC TV show *The Voice*, Ragsy.

Readers may remember The Karrots as one of the biggest bands in south Wales during the 1980s, who went on to become The Storys with Steve Balsamo.

Phil said: "The first band I ever saw live was The Karrots in 1983 and I was hooked. This year The Karrots have reformed and as a promoter, I never thought I'd get to book the band that drew me to the music industry."

With the decline in the live music scene with closures of venues across the country, most recently with the closure of The Scene venue in Swansea, Cwmafan Music Festival has a mission to keep Wales and the Valleys alive with the sound of music.

They were also pleased to announce that composer and music engineer Nick Lloyd, originally from Bridgend, who has Oakwood Church Studios in nearby Pontrhydyfen, will be looking after the sound for them.

The music festival not only brings new music to the community, but also raises funds for grass-roots rugby and football, as well as other community groups and this year, the festival is supporting Curly Car's Cancer Fund charity.

Tickets for the festival are selling fast, and are available now from Siop Chris Needs, Cwmafan and online via Derricks Music, Swansea (http://bit.ly/cmf17).

*For more information and updates, see 'Cwmafan Music Festival' on Facebook or visit www.bluestreamentertainment.co.uk.*

# Who wants to build what, and where?

SSR Stormy West Ltd – **Stormy West landfill site, Stormy Down, Bridgend** – Non-material amendments to P/15/312/FUL.

Mr Philip Foster – **Block B Unit 6, Parc y Bont, Aneurin Bevan Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate** – Change of use from storage to D2 use (fitness/aerobic/spinning classes).

Mr Steve Payne – **2 Alma Terrace, Aberkenfig** – Two storey side extension and detached garage.

Bridgend Storewithus Ltd – **Land off Parc Crescent, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – Approval of details for conditions 3 and 14 of P/16/379/FUL.

Savills – **Land to the east of Danygraig Avenue, Porthcawl** – Request for an EIA Screening Opinion in respect of proposed residential development.

Ms Lucy Ladbrooke – **The Old Bakery, 6 St Christopher's Court, Coity** – Rebuild stone faced boundary retaining wall on alignment of existing lower level wall and re-grade garden behind.

Mr Ashley Long – **76 Clos Pwll Clai, Tondu** – First floor side extension.

Mr J Evans – **26 Philip Avenue, Bryntirion** – Single storey extension to extend kitchen and provide utility room and wc.

Mr Thoburn – **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Coychurch Road, Bridgend** – Relocating an existing fire escape door and creating a raised level access platform from this and external steps to one side of the access platform.

Mrs Natalie Absalom – **Bradley House, Bettws Road, Bettws** – Erection of two storey extension, conversion of garage and external alterations.

Mr C Tuck – **7 Priory Close, Bridgend** – Two storey extension to provide store, utility room/wc, kitchen and bedrooms.

Mr DJ Morgan – **9 De Berclos, Porthcawl** – Single storey extension.

Mrs Sara Williams – **12 Cefn Nant, Pencoed** – Reduce canopy of two oak trees in rear garden.

Kaspas Newport Ltd – **Unit 5/6, Brackla Street Centre, Bridgend** – Change of use from a vacant A1 retail unit to an A3 use dessert parlour.

Mrs Jo Dutton – **22 Springfield Avenue, Porthcawl** – Loft conversion to provide master bedroom and shower room in roofspace; hipped roof to gable ended design with ridge level raised approx 1.2m; extend balcony on southwest elevation and porch added to main entrance.

Mr R Bluett – **Land rear of 99 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend** – Approval of details for conditions 2 and 6 of P/16/796/RES.

CJCH Solicitors – **18 Dunraven Place, Bridgend** – Listed Building Consent for a new sign to the rear wall of the building made of individual perspex letters.

Clean Earth – **Land at Torcerrig Farm, Caerau, Maesteg** – Request for EIA screening opinion for one wind turbine.

CJCH Solicitors – **CJCH Solicitors, 18 Dunraven Place, Bridgend** – Individual perspex cut letters in red and black to spell out company name.

Mr A Woodhall – **1 Danygraig Avenue, Porthcawl** – Demolish existing flats and construct one five-bed detached house and car parking.

BOS Leisure – **12 Marshfield Avenue, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend** – To change the roof of the extension under construction from a flat roof to a pitched roof.

Mrs G Hearne – **Land off Convil Road, Blaengarw** – Outline for three dwellings.

# Season's end at Bridgend and District Quiz League

**BRIDGEND and District Quiz League have completed another very successful season with the first division winners being the very strong Penybont FC Explorers.**

The Second division was won by the Prince of Wales Feathers (Coychurch) who were unbeaten in their 21 matches, which is believed to be a record.

The League Cup competition was won by the Five Bells A after a very well fought quiz with the TyRisha Arms by 57 points to 37.

The League Plate competition contested between the division one and division two winners was eventually won by Penybont FC Explorers who defeated the Prince of Wales Feathers (Coychurch), the result being 62- 43.

Our 45th season starts in September, with quizzes played on Monday nights at home and away venues throughout Bridgend county borough, with breaks for the Christmas and the New Year festivities.

*Any team who are interested in joining the league can get further information on our website bridgendquiz.com or by email or phone to stevekingscott@yahoo.co.uk 01656 722754.*

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF**
**SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR**

I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objections/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.

Yr wyf yn hysbysu bod y ceisiadau canlynol wedi cael eu cyflwyno. Gellir barnu golwg ar ddogfennau'r ceisiadau yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr CF31 4WB neu ar y dudalen gynllunio ar wefan y Cyngor. Dylai unrhyw un sy'n dymuno cyflwyno sylwadau ar y ceisiadau hyn ar sail cynllunio'r defnydd o dir ysgrifennu at y Cyngor at y cyfeiriad uchod erbyn y dyddiad a nodir dan bob categori ceisiadau neu gyflwyno'r sylwadau ar-lein. Ni anfonir cydnabyddiaeth yn dilyn derbyn sylwadau ar geisiadau. Bydd unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu harchwilio ac mae'n bosib fydd enwau gwrthwynebwyr/cefnogwyr ar gael ar y Rhyngrwyd. Mae'r Pwyllgor Rheoli Datblygu'n gweithredu trefniadau i siaradwr o'r cyhoedd gael siarad. Os ydych yn dymuno nodi bwriad i siarad yn y Pwyllgor (os na fydd y cais yn cael ei broseswu dan bwerau wedi'u dirprwyo), nodwch hynny yn eich ymateb. I gael mwy o wybodaeth ffoniwch 01656 643675.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012

P/17/316/FUL Retrospective approval of an existing garden extension (change of use) and erection of a proposed extension to the existing dwellinghouse—1 Seaview Heol Y Felin Heol Y Cyw by Mr & Mrs D Thomas

The proposed development does not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

RESPOND BY: 24/05/2017

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATION AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

P/17/279/LIS Amends to P/11/752/LIS to cover demolition of modern extensions & outbuildings, refurb/convert building into 35 apartments, inc. external & internal alterations & extensions, erect new extension forming 34 apartments (total 69 apartments)-Former Rest Home, Porthcawl by The Rest (Porthcawl) Ltd

P/17/306/RLX Vary condition 8 of P/16/373/FUL relating to commercial vehicle parking—Cosy Corner Porthcawl Harbourside Porthcawl by Porthcawl Harbourside CIC

DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATION AREA

P/17/306/RLX See above

Conservation Area: Porthcawl

RESPOND BY: 31/05/2017

Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol-Cymunedau 11-05-2017

# Charity benefits from Pencoed Ladies' Group

*Elis and Ann presented with the cheque by chairlady Eluned Evans.*

*Pencoed Ladies' Group with Ann and Elis.*

**"JANUARY 8, 1997, started like any other day, but by the end of it, I was a widow and a single mum to my three-year-old son, Elis", said Ann Harrison-Power.**

"My husband Ray, a very fit 30-year-old who played squash and rugby, had collapsed in work. He had a cardiac arrest and despite the efforts of paramedics and hospital staff, he could not be resuscitated.

"His post mortem confirmed that he had hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an inherited heart condition that affects the heart muscle. My son has also recently been diagnosed with the condition.

"Cardiomyopathy UK is the only charity in the UK that supports those affected by this condition and over the years they've been invaluable in providing support and information. The charity relies solely on donations and fundraising to maintain its services.

"We do what we can to raise funds and also raise awareness of both this charity and the condition itself, which affects one in 500 people.

"Despite it being a common condition, there are still so many people who know nothing about it.

"One group that we visited was Pencoed Ladies' Group and following our presentation, the group nominated us as their charity of the year.

"Over many months, they have held fundraising activities and a sponsored walk. They raised an amazing £1,000 for the charity, so Elis and I went along last week to collect the cheque."

*For more information on cardiomyopathy UK, see www.cardiomyopathy.org or organisations can contact at anniepj@btinternet.com.*

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

# *CIVIC CHARITY GALA BALL WENT WITH A REAL SWING*

**ON a Saturday evening in April, the Bridgend County Civic Charity and the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Reg Jenkins, attended an annual charity gala at the Heronston Best Western Hotel, Bridgend.**

Supporters, friends and families of the chosen charities for 2016/2017 were also present.

The Master of Ceremonies was Lee Jukes from Bridge FM Radio, who was in control of an auction and raffle.

A spokesperson said: "The entertainment and soloist was of a very high standard with plenty of music and dancing.

"The Bridgend County Civic Charity Committee would like to thank all sponsors for their continued support, and the management and staff at the Great Western Hotel."

The annual charity golf tournament arranged by the Bridgend County Civic Charity and the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend took place at the Grove Golf Club, South Cornelly in conjunction with Mike Thomas, who was on hand to provide guidance throughout the day on Friday, April 28.

*The winning team from Rockwool Ltd.*

The mayor teed the Grove Captain's team off. All teams returned exhausted, but in good spirits, after an interesting round of golf

Prizes were awarded to: winners, Rockwool Ltd, Heol y Cyw; second, CAM Engineering Ltd, Pyle; third, Grove Captain's Team, South Cornelly; fourth, Colin Donovan for 'Every Link Counts'.

Individual Prizes: Longest Drive, Neil Summers Grove Captain's Team; Nearest the Pin, Andy Legg (captain) Grove Captain's Team; Best Individual Player, Steve Parsons Rockwool Ltd.

The spokesperson continued: "This event proved very successful and thanks to all who sponsored a tee and took part in the day, to sponsors for gifts and the raffle prizes donated."

The final event for 2016/2017 is an 'Evening of Musical Splendour' to be held St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, on Tuesday, May 16 at 6.30pm.

*For further information and ticket requests, contact Mari Major on 01656 651 491.*

# GET ON YOUR BIKE TO HELP YSGOL Y DERI!

*Specialist bike for some Ysgol Y Deri pupils.*

**YSGOL Y Deri is encouraging people to join, help marshal or sponsor those taking part in a charity bike ride it is organising this month.**

The school, which caters for over 250 pupils with specialist needs from around the Vale and Bridgend between the ages of three and 19, has arranged for a group to cycle along the Taff Trail from Brecon to Penarth to raise money to help disabled people enjoy cycling.

Over the last three years, some £20,000 has been raised, allowing the school to buy specially-built bikes for wheelchair users, design a mountain bike sensory trail and take students on trips to cycling routes in the Afan Valley.

The bikes are made to order and cater specifically for an individual child's particular needs.

Each one costs and cost between £5,000 and £6,000.The first bikes are expected at the school early next month.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 20 with riders given the option of joining the ride in Brecon, Merthyr or Nantgarw. They then travel along a fully signposted and marshalled route that finishes in Penarth.

There will be a bus leaving Ysgol y Deri at 7am and a party featuring a barbecue held at the finish line.

It costs £12.50 to enter, discounts are available for group entries and a prize awarded to every rider. Those wishing to sign up to ride and raise money for this worthwhile cause can do so at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ysgol-y-deri-taff-trail-challenge-2017-tickets-32830662395.

*More information can be found at www.facebook.com/YYDeri or by contacting tafftrailchallenge@yyd.org.uk and donations can be made securely through the event's Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ysgolyderi-tafftrailchallenge-2017.*

# Lions' Easter raffle

**PATRICK Halliwell, vice-president of Bridgend Lions Club, is pictured with the large Easter egg, which was raffled at The Little Penybont Arms, Pencoed, which raised some £144.**

The winners Mike and Elaine Jones are also pictured, with landlord Gareth Roberts to whom the Lions are most grateful for allowing the raffle to take place at this venue.

# 'Support needed for struggling businesses'

**REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has called on Bridgend's councils to give a hand to struggling shops and businesses in its town centre.**

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative, said that she was 'dismayed' to find that there were still high vacancy rates for shops in Bridgend Town Centre.

"While recent footfall surveys in Wales have shown an increase, much of that is down to people using town centres for social and leisure activities rather than for shopping, so it is crucial that action is taken to support shops and businesses.

"Owners will tell you that the two things affecting them the most is the high level of business rates and a drop in the number of shoppers.

"The one way to tackle lower shopper numbers is to make it easier to shop on our high streets and we need to provide more free parking. This council, along with many others, has for years treated town centre car parks as geese that produce golden eggs.

"They need to wake up. In the past, town centres were teeming with people and councils could get away with imposing high parking charges – no longer. People can take their cars, and their business, to any number of out of town shopping centres and supermarkets where they can park free.

"Councils have also made life as hard as possible for motorists with double yellow lines liberally sprinkled through town centres. The truth is that many of the parking restrictions are no longer needed. With fewer people shopping in towns, there is a case for allowing some on-street parking in suitable places for perhaps an hour so that people can get to a few shops.

"In Bridgend, Welsh Conservatives and traders have campaigned for the opening up of the lower part of the town by scrapping pedestrianisation. This is something the council appears to have conceded but so far, nothing has been done.

"Welsh Government also has a role to play by devising a better system of business rates relief that helps more small businesses and is less complicated.

"There are other actions Bridgend and other councils can take. They can buy the goods and services they need locally; they can provide better transport links and use the planning system to encourage in-town shopping developments instead of out of town ones.

"Unless these actions are taken, we will be facing town centres with nothing but charity shops, which pay no business rates, pound shops, hairdressers and coffee shops.

"There's nothing wrong with these and they have to go somewhere, but every town needs a healthy mix of businesses offering shoppers a variety of goods and services. That's the way to keep our town centres alive."

# Mum and son team up for Hadrian's Wall charity trek

by TIM CHAPMAN

**A MOTHER and son from St Athan plan to walk 80 miles along Hadrian's Wall near the English-Scottish border to raise funds for cancer research.**

Treena Howe (53) and Matthew Mullen (26) will start the trek on Tuesday, May 16. They hope to generate funds for research into prostate and ovarian cancer.

Treena, who is a support worker at Beechwood College in Sully, told The GEM: "We will be starting our walk from Bowness-on-Solway, near Carlisle, and will finish at Wallsend, near Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, on Wednesday, May 24. The distance is approximately 80 miles.

"We decided to raise funds for prostate and ovarian cancer research as they have affected family and loved ones.

"We also wanted to raise funds for a different cancer charity from the 'norm'."

Treena and Matthew haven't set a target amount. Treena explained: "We just want to raise as much as we can and it will be split 50/50 between the two charities."

Treena and Matthew would be grateful if people would go to the following link and make a donation: http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/MumandSon2.

They've promised to let GEM readers know how the walk went when they return to St Athan.

*Treena Howe and Matthew Mullen will split funds raised 50/50 between research into ovarian cancer and prostate cancer.*

# Big smiles from Ollie!

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Nicola added: "It struck me how many people are affected by strokes near where we live and have been in our situation. By the end of the event, I was really emotional. I saw hope in everyone there – all were survivors themselves or had loved ones who had had a stroke."

"I'm really looking forward to being a part of it again this year. I feel 2017 will be bigger and better. More of our family want to join, as well as the friends who came in 2016. It was a wonderful event to bring everyone together."

Regional Fundraiser for Wales with the Stroke Association Alan Drury said: "Just like Ollie and his family, you can show your support too by taking part in a Step Out for Stroke walk near you this May.

"We have more than 50 events planned across the UK with seven great walks taking place in Wales and our walks are open to everyone, regardless of age or ability."

*To find your nearest Step out for Stroke event and to register, visit www.stroke.org.uk/stepout or email stepout@stroke.org.uk*

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# New defibrillators for Bridgend

**THREE Bridgend communities will receive six defibrillators thanks to a collaboration between Welsh Ambulance Service volunteers and Coity Higher Community Council (CHCC).**

It means that if someone in Coity, Litchard or Pendre goes into cardiac arrest, members of the public can begin the 'chain of survival' while an ambulance makes its way to the scene.

The defibrillators were introduced after Welsh Ambulance Service volunteers Ryan Gibson and Mike Beavington from the Coity and Bridgend Community First Responder (CFR) group and First Responder officer Stephen Roberts identified a need to increase the number in the area.

Ryan, who co-ordinated the project, said: "We are delighted to have been able to work with CHCC to get these vital machines installed in our local area.

"The public can play a vital part in the chain of survival by providing an early call to 999, along with starting CPR and using a defibrillator when available.

Four have already been placed at Coity Primary School, Litchard Primary School, Coity Post Office and the Coity Higher Community Centre.

Two more are expected to be installed this month.

The CFR team will provide awareness sessions to the public on the use of AEDs.

The CFR team is also identifying additional sources of funding to bring further defibrillators into Bridgend.

A spokesperson said: "If any businesses, groups or councils are interested in getting involved, they can contact Ryan by e-mailing aedinthecommunity@outlook.com."

*Further information on establishing a PAD scheme can be found on the Welsh Ambulance Service website at www.was-tr.wales.nhs.uk.*

# Candidate's thanks

**I SHOULD like to thank all those who elected me back onto the Laleston Community Council.**

We are continually on the lookout for improvements to the area and several are already in mind.

**Coun Tom Turner, Bridgend.**

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

# It's trade-off time around Bridgend as Tories make massive gains

**by PHILIP IRWIN**

**THE local election results in Bridgend mean that no party is in overall control – although the big winners on the night were the Conservatives.**

For the last five years, Ken Watts, representing Newton, has been the sole Tory, but he has now been joined by 10 colleagues.

However, the 11 Conservatives will probably have to be content with life in opposition, as Labour, with 26 seats, are just two short of a majority, and will have a number of options should they choose to do a deal with another party.

Plaid Cymru have three seats, so they are a possibility, and then there are the independents.

And this is where it gets complicated, because the 13 independents who have been elected represent a number of different political shades.

One possibility is the Porthcawl independents, who took four out of the five Porthcawl borough council seats.

However, as they have insisted since the last council elections, they are not a party – they are a group of mutually supported and endorsed individuals.

Moreover, they represent a shade of Porthcawl opinion that has been extremely antagonistic to the ruling Labour party in Bridgend.

There is a parallel, though, because five years ago in Llantwit Major, four Llantwit First members were elected, and they joined a Labour-led coalition in the Vale – arguing that their influence would produce a better deal for Llantwit.

An alternative route for Labour would be to trawl the other nine independents who have been elected – some of whom are former Labour – and see if they can find the two they need there.

Finally, Labour could go it alone, gambling that the disparate groups would be unable to combine to vote Labour down.

The one party that appears to be out of the equation is the Lib-Dems, who are left with one councillor, Cheryl Green in Laleston.

*The election results can be viewed on http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media-centre/2017/may-2017/election-results.aspx*

# French students visit Bridgend

*Students from Villenave d'Ornon in France enjoying their town twinning visit.*

**A GROUP of students from Bridgend's twin town of Villenave d'Ornon in France recently visited the town on an exchange programme.**

The students were hosted by local families, and Bridgend Town Twinning Association is very grateful for the wonderful welcome they all received.

The students were able to experience education in Bridgend as they attended lessons at Brynteg and Bryntirion Comprehensive schools. We thank the staff, and in particular, the modern language departments, for their time and effort working with the Twinning Association in preparation for the visit.

While in Bridgend, the students visited St Fagans Museum, Dan-yr-Ogof caves, the Principality Stadium and Big Pit. They thoroughly enjoyed the Welsh experiences and learned a lot about Welsh life and culture, past and present.

The evenings provided the French and Welsh students the opportunity to enjoy each other's company when they went bowling, trampolining and danced the night away at a disco.

*Bridgend Town Twinning Association is now planning an open evening with buffet and wine on Thursday, May 18 at 7pm in Carnegie House, Bridgend.*

*If anyone is interested in knowing more about our association, or would like to join us, we would love to meet you. For more information, contact Anne Kendall on 01656 649413.*

**Anne Kendall, Bridgend Town Twinning Association**

# BCBC SOCIAL WORKER REMOVED FROM REGISTER

**A SOCIAL worker has been removed from the Register of Social Care Workers after a Social Care Wales fitness-to-practise hearing found his fitness was impaired.**

Chike Pericles Udeogu, who was formerly employed as a social worker in the child safeguarding team at Bridgend County Borough Council, was charged with multiple counts of failing to carry out his duties, putting the children in his care at risk.

The hearing heard that Mr Udeogu falsely claimed to have carried out visits he had not made on multiple occasions; failed to keep accurate and up-to-date records; failed to engage with foster carers; and failed to record a child's full history, which resulted in the child being placed in an inappropriate setting.

Other charges brought against Mr Udeogu included failing to adequately complete a report for court on time, which resulted in the hearing being adjourned.

Mr Udeogu did not attend the fitness to practise hearing at the Novotel hotel in Cardiff on April 25, nor did he make any effort to engage with the investigation into his fitness to practise.

After carefully considering the evidence, the committee concluded that Mr Udeogu's fitness to practise was impaired because of his misconduct and lack of competence.

Explaining its decision, the committee said: "This is a case where there is clearly a pattern of behaviour and where [Mr Udeogu] has failed to take any remedial steps.

"It is our clear view that [Mr Udeogu] presents a risk to individuals who use services. Children have been neglected, put at risk and suffered actual harm as a result of his actions.

"He has not accepted any fault on his part or acknowledged any of his failings. This makes it impossible for them to be able to be remedied.

"[Mr Udeogu's] failings are so serious and comprehensive that we consider that he has breached one of the fundamental tenets of the social care profession. This includes dishonesty, meaning that we do not consider that his integrity can be relied upon.

"We consider that [Mr Udeogu] has acted in such a way as to bring the profession into disrepute."

The committee decided to remove Mr Udeogu from the Register with immediate effect.

In summing up its decision, the committee said: "The failings of Mr Udeogu are so serious and comprehensive that we consider that the only way to adequately protect the public and maintain confidence in the social care services in this case is a removal order."

# Cowbridge cafe unlocks a jar full of memories!

**"I DIDN'T know somewhere like this existed."**

**"It's so nice to just come here and relax."**

These heartfelt comments of customers at the second session of the Memory Jar Café are a testimony to the growing effectiveness of this new Cowbridge venture, reports Madeleine Phillips.

The cafe is for the benefit of all who suffer from mild to moderate Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their carers.

The success of the first meeting of the café on April 6 (as reported in The GEM) meant that the May session had to be moved to the Clinton Room of the United Free Church.

This new light and airy venue provided much-needed extra space for the new and continuing customers who gathered to enjoy a couple of hours of chatting with new friends and an interesting range of activities.

Music and memorabilia reminded those present of past times, and stimulated happy memories, as well as discussion of events individuals had lived through and wanted to share.

Throughout the afternoon, the willing band of volunteers worked happily to provide a good supply of tea and cake.

The helpers were aided also by representatives of Rotary and the Town Council in preparing the room and supervising car parking and access for visitors.

All present were warmed to hear of the generous donation from Waitrose, following the superb level of support from the community in donating their shopping tokens! Thank you, Cowbridge!

Even more offers of help would be welcomed to ensure the continuation of this vital facility.

Since all the evidence is that a significant number of people in the town and surrounding areas would benefit from the support offered by the Memory Jar, the decision has already been taken that future sessions will need even more space. In order to make this possible, it is necessary to move from Thursday to Tuesday afternoons.

So, from June 6, the Memory Jar Café will meet on the first Tuesday of each month (and not on Thursdays) in the Maendy Room at the United Free Church.

This bright, modern hall has access from both Westgate and The Broadshoard.

It will provide space for more customers and a wider range of activities.

*If you want to know more, contact Madeline Phillips on 01446 621838.*

# SOROPTIMIST SISTERS SHARE THE CHAIR

*Lily Laesser, Frances Rees, Eurwen Richards.*

**BRIDGEND Soroptimists held their AGM recently at The Heronston Hotel and so began a year with a difference!**

The club is celebrating 70 years since it was chartered in 1947 and will be holding a formal luncheon on July 16 at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, to mark this milestone.

As this will be a special year it was decided to inaugurate three long-serving members to share the presidential chain and each will officiate for a specific four months of the year, starting with Frances Rees followed by Lily Laesser and then rounded off by Eurwen Richards.

These ladies bring with them a wealth of experience in Soroptimism and a busy year is guaranteed.

*For more information check website sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district/ Facebook www.facebook.com/BridgendSoroptimists.*

**EILEEN BAYLEY**

*Porthcawl Lions Club's recent May Fair was held in All Saints Church.*

# Porthcawl Lions raise over £1,400

**PORTHCAWL Lions Club is delighted to announce that with its early-season fundraising, it has been able to raise over £1,400 from the fortnightly book sales and annual May Fair.**

A spokesperson wrote: "With only two having so far taken place for this season, the book sales are doing really well. The club is always seeking donations of good quality books. If you can help, please contact us via our website or call the number below.

"As for May Fair, the event (at All Saints' Church) was opened by the Mayor Coun Robert Lee who stayed for the whole day, lending a hand in a judging role when needed.

"With support from many local organisations, club president Don Tickner expressed his thanks to everyone for their "tremendous support" in helping sustain the May Fair for over three decades.

"Just a reminder… the Lions Charity Golf Day tees off on June 2 at the Grove Golf Club, and the Lions Centennial 'Audience with Niall Ferguson' will take place on June 21 at All Saints' Church."

*For details for upcoming Lions events, call Stephen on 020 20757818; or for general information on our work visit porthcawllions.org.uk/index.html.*

*Sarah Jane Griffiths with Cor Bro Ogwr.*

# Cor Bro Ogwr's spring concert entertains all at All Saints' Church

**THE sun came out for Cor Bro Ogwr's spring concert at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl.**

Conductor Rosie Howarth had put together a varied programme of music which was enjoyed by audience and choristers.

The first half featured Mendelssohn, Handel and a romantic musical contemporary setting of 'Love Divine' by Howard Goodall which the choir sang with real feeling.

Soloist Sarah Jane Griffiths, well known locally, performed two songs from Faure and Schubert. To round off the first half the choir performed 'Zadok The Priest' with huge gusto and enthusiasm.

The second half featured John Rutter's *Requiem*, written in 1985 in memory of the composer's father. It's a small-scale work, underlining a theme of light and consolation and accompanied by restrained instrumentation; five young students from The Royal College of Music and Drama joined harpist Angharad Edwards to form the CBO Rutter Ensemble especially for the evening.

We are now starting rehearsals for our summer concert, which will be a lighthearted and joyful journey through well-known opera choruses.

Before that, however, our accompanist Glenn Crooks and conductor Rosie will be putting on a fundraising concert for the choir.

Glenn will be playing piano and organ pieces and Rosie, who sings with the BBC National Chorus of Wales, will be treating us to her beautiful singing voice.

The concert is at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend on Friday, May 12 at 7pm. Tickets £8 at the door.

**DOMINIQUE SPEAREY**

# *It's a family affair at the London Marathon*

*ABOVE: Lext and Steve Richmond at the London Marathon.*

**BRIDGEND business owner Steve Richmond of Steve Richmond Carpets and his daughter, student and singer Lexi Richmond ran the London Marathon on April 23 to raise money for MQ, a newly-formed mental health charity.**

The father and daughter stuck with each other around the course of the 26.2 miles and completed the marathon in six hours and 20 minutes, meeting some famous faces such as Paula Radcliffe and Ian Beale, while they were there!

Lexi and Steve's target was to raise £5,000, which they have since hit. However, they are aiming to now raise as much money as possible for the "amazing" cause in a hope of transforming mental health.

MQ claims to be the first major charity funding scientific research to transform the lives of everyone affected by mental illness.

It aims to uncover breakthrough findings and illuminate people's understanding of mental health.

For more information on Lexi and Steve's journey, visit their Facebook page 'Lexi and Steve's London Marathon'.

Anyone wishing to sponsor them can contact them at *steve@steverichmond.co.uk* for more details on how to donate to a fantastic cause.

# Maesteg to lose a fifth of its ATMs

**MAESTEG will lose almost a fifth of its 24-hour cashpoints once the HSBC branch in the town closes at the end of May.**

Research carried out by Welsh Conservative Regional AM Suzy Davies has revealed that the number of ATMs that face the pavement and are accessible day and night will drop from nine to seven once the two located at HSBC close.

Mrs Davies has met HSBC area manager Mark Richards to argue the case to keep the branch open, but the bank is adamant that it must close because of falling footfall.

Mrs Davies said that it was Welsh Government policy to ensure that people had access to their own money at all times, but it seems there has been no direct approach by Welsh Government to the bank about its closure intentions.

She said: "I am disappointed that the bank has failed to listen to my arguments and those of others opposing the closure.

"Losing two ATMs out of nine will reduce the availability of cash. The reason there are two located at this bank is because of problems in the past when the cash machines in town used to regularly run out of money on weekends when no bank staff were on hand to refill them.

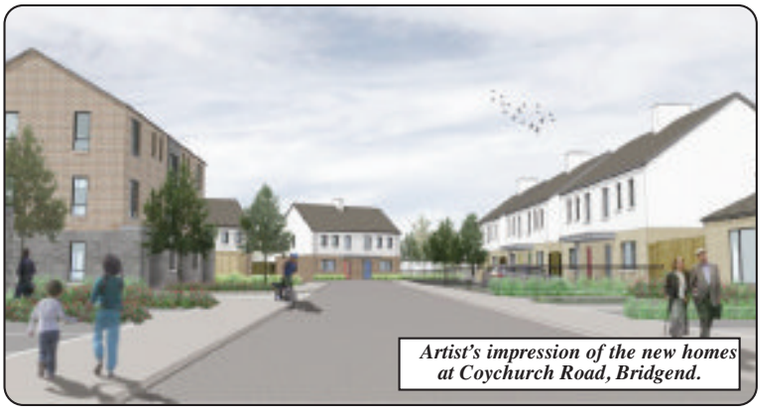
"Although we have seen some ATMs opened at local stores since then, they don't necessarily offer 24-hour availability. There's also the question of the loss of the services available inside the branch for customers.

"The least that the bank can now do is to offer the town and its loyal customers help in securing a worthwhile business for the premises once it moves out.

"HSBC occupies a prime position on Maesteg's main shopping street and we need something in there quickly so that there's no gap in shop frontage in the town.

"The bank has assured me that it is looking at the possibility of installing either artwork or mock shop vinyls which remind everyone of what a thriving high street can look like, inspiring new businesses to open in Maesteg."

# Hafod and Lovell get together and offer new homes to rent



*Artist's impression of the new homes at Coychurch Road, Bridgend.*

**PROPERTY company Lovell will start construction this summer on a development for Hafod Housing which will create 48 new rental homes for local people in Bridgend'.**

Lovell has been selected by Hafod to deliver the £5.4 million 'design-and-build scheme', developed in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), which will see social rented homes take shape on land off Coychurch Road, near the town centre.

The development will provide energy-efficient homes for a range of residents from single people to couples and families. It will comprise 24 one- and two-bedroom flats; a three-bedroom bungalow and 23 two-, three- and four-bedroom houses.

The site – once occupied by the Bridgend Town AFC football ground – is earmarked for residential development in the BCBC Local Development Plan.

The scheme has received Welsh Government funding in the form of Social Housing Grant and Housing Finance Grant.

Building work is set to start in June 2017 with the overall scheme due for completion in summer 2018.

Alongside the new housing, Lovell will join with Hafod to provide job and training opportunities for the local community including three apprenticeships, six jobs, seven paid traineeships and 150 hours of work experience placements.

The scheme will also enable 15 residents to gain their Construction Skills Certification Scheme card, a qualification for working on construction sites.

# Who wants to build what, and where?

Darren Underhill – **18 Bryn Onnen, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend** – To retain converted garage, existing garage has been converted to living accommodation, study/office and storage/utility area.

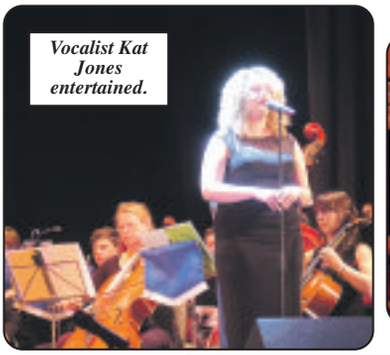
David Jones – **24 South View, Kenfig Hill** – Create first floor by increasing ridge height of the dwelling and providing dormers to side elevations.

Mr and Mrs Sales – **49 Grove Road, Bridgend** – Single storey rear extension for family room, utility and shower room.

# A licence to thrill at Mayor's charity ball

**Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan.**

*ABOVE: The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee, with the Mayoress, Ann.*



*Vocalist Kat Jones entertained.*

*ABOVE: The stage is set for the ball in the Grand Pavilion.*

**THE theme of the recent Mayor's Charity Ball at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl was the *James Bond* movies.**

Thanks to the efforts of the Mayor, Coun Robert Lee, his wife and Mayoress Ann, together with the Mayor's charity organising committee of chairwoman Mary Emment-Lewis, Tracy Hill, Jill Sweet. Erica Beynon and Chris Smart, there was a great turnout of 200 guests.

The Grand Pavilion took on a Monte Carlo appearance, with a James Bond Aston Martin car waiting outside to greet guests as they arrived for a red carpet reception.

They were welcomed in the foyer by the ladies of the organising committee where Bucks Fizz was served to the music of the Porthcawl Community Orchestral String Quartet.

Inside, the main auditorium had been transformed into what can best be described as a scene from *Casino Royale,* where a clever combination of black and dark red colouring had been used to give a classic effect. Later on in the evening, there was an actual casino, with one croupier playing blackjack and another taking bets at a roulette wheel.

The Aston Martin DBS 1967 was kindly provided for the occasion by its owner, Mr Steven Prevett. The Aston Martin DBS is a high performance grand tourer produced from 1967 to 1972.

Aston Martin models have been used in James Bond films since *Goldfinger* was released in 1964. The particular vehicle on view outside the Grand Pavilion took part in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* in which George Lazenby played James Bond for the one and only time.

Guests had been encouraged to dress for the occasion and there were many James Bond 007s in their white tuxedos with bulges under the jacket that could have been due to the presence of a Walther PPK.

There was a bevy of glamorous would-be Bond Girls dressed to the nines. Among the Miss Moneypennys and the many 'Ms', both male and female, there was one 'Odd Job' impersonator sporting his characteristic steel brimmed hat from *Goldfinger*.

Other than Odd Job, there appeared to be very few Bond villains.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Chris Smart and he invited the Mayor of Porthcawl to welcome the guests. The Mayor thanked all those sponsors and others who had supported the event, the entertainers for the evening, the Grand Pavilion and the guests for attending.

He announced that the charities he wished to support were Tŷ Hafan, Porthcawl Museum, Kidney Research Wales and the Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society.

He invited the Rev Christopher Jenkins to say Grace before dinner was served. Entertainment was provided during the meal by Col Canto, led by Erica Beynon, singing a James Bond medley.

This was followed by the Loyal Toast, proposed by Mary Emment-Lewis.

David Swidenbank made an excellent organiser for both the raffle and the auction that followed. Thanks to his efforts, the latter raised £2,500 alone. A visit to the Aston Martin headquarters at Gaydon in Warwickshire, raised £800.

Gaydon is a former RAF bomber airfield. So is St Athan, the home of Aston Martin's new factory, which will provide the company with plenty of runways for testing its new luxury production model, the Aston Martin DB11.

Five other auction items raised over £100 each, helping to bring the anticipated grand total for the evening to over £3,500.

I suspect that this will be a record for such an event and as such, will be a hard act for future mayors to follow.

Following the auction, the Porthcawl Community Orchestra gave their interpretation of the Big Bond Orchestra Experience put together by musical director Jack Bridger.

Jack was unable to attend on the night and guest conductor Clive Adams from the Youth Orchestra took his place.

Matt Davies, chairman and trumpeter co-ordinated the event and the vocalist was Kat Jones.

The Big Bond Orchestra Experience was followed by blackjack and roulette in the casino and the evening was brought to a successful conclusion by Mark and Stuart with disco dancing that carried on into the late hours.

All in all, a great and memorable evening was had by all those James Bond aficionados who attended the event: a following that all started in 1953 when author Ian Fleming created the fictional character James Bond 007, the MI6 secret agent with a Licence to Kill!

# Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild news

**PORTHCAWL Townswomen's Guild enjoyed a lunchtime drama at the Grand Pavilion and its monthly lunch at Isabella's recently.**

The committee has been making plans for the year ahead and already has a date for its autumn fair; further information to follow.

At the meeting, members were privileged to welcome Simon Richardson, son of chairman Dee, as a speaker.

He gave a presentation of his career as a paralympian cycling medallist and his plans for the future.

His current priority is a charity cycle ride from Paris to Swansea in August, in aid of the Welsh Air Ambulance.

Knowing the many problems he has overcome to be able to ride again, the Guild is sponsoring him for this event. Anyone wishing to sponsor Simon can visit 'Just Giving' Simon Richardson Paris to Swansea or call at Stains The Paper People, opposite Porthcawl Library.

# A new arrival at the cat centre...

*ABOVE: Lilly (left) and Lucy.*

**Bridgend Cat Centre at Bryncethin has many happy feline guests, but none more so than Lilly, who have birth to Lucy just three weeks ago.**

Mother and daughter, as they say, are doing fine.

**Photo by Susan Dobbs Photography.**

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# DOGS TRUST APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS

**STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing for volunteers and donations ahead of their annual summer fun day at Pencoed College Campus on Sunday, June 25.**

The annual fun day helps raise 'pounds for hounds' while being a day out for two and four-legged friends alike, with activities including a fun dog show, tombola, raffle, family games and activities, and dog displays.

The rehoming centre is looking for volunteers aged 18 years and over to assist with stalls, the tombola, refreshments, organising activities and various other jobs.

Dogs Trust Bridgend is also appealing for suitable prizes for the tombola and grand raffle.

Donations from previous years have included food hampers, meal vouchers, shopping vouchers, days out and weekend breaks.

Dogs Trust Bridgend's Rhiannon Chamberlain said: "Volunteers are vital to Dogs Trust, particularly at our fun days which raise funds to help us care for the homeless hounds at our rehoming centre.

"We are looking for friendly, helpful and hardworking people who love dogs and want to contribute to a rewarding day.

"We are also hoping to receive some great donations for our grand raffle which is a real highlight of the day, and last year raised over £245, contributing to the overall total of £11,000."

*If you are interested in volunteering at the Dogs Trust Bridgend Fun Day on June 25 from 11am – 4pm contact Rhiannon.chamberlain@dogstrust.org.uk. Alternatively you can call the rehoming centre on 0300 303 0292.*

# Qatar-Cardiff air route to launch in 2018

**QATAR Airways Group chief executive, His Excellency Akbar Al Baker, recently announced the launch of a new service from Cardiff Airport, linking Wales and south west England to Qatar and significant global markets via Qatar's capital city Doha in 2018.**

The airline has announced Cardiff Airport as the only new planned UK route in its network for 2018.

The service from Cardiff Airport will be the first regular direct long-haul flight linking Wales and south west England to a major global hub in the Gulf region, benefiting both leisure and business travellers.

Services will fly between Cardiff and Hamad International Airport in Doha, which since opening in 2014 is one of the world's largest hub airports with more than 30 million passengers using it each year.

Via the hub, Qatar Airways connects to more than 150 destinations across six continents including key routes to Australia, UAE, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, South Africa and China.

It is thought that the new service will stimulate inbound tourism to and from the region as a major gateway to the UK.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "It has been a long journey to get to this stage, with discussions spanning a number of years. Over the coming months we will work with the team at Qatar Airways to confirm the details of the service and look forward to the flights being on sale in the near future."

Roger Lewis, chairman at Cardiff Airport added: "This is a 'game changing' announcement for Cardiff Airport and for Wales. The benefits of this relationship will be transformational for both businesses and passengers across the south west of England and for Wales.

"I look forward to returning to Doha in the near future to further develop this special bi-lateral relationship between Wales, the UK and Qatar."

# New exec chef at the Vale Resort

**AN executive chef, who has cooked for HM the Queen, Robbie Williams, Madonna and Bruce Springsteen, has been appointed to oversee all the restaurants and catering at The Vale Resort, including Hensol Castle.**

***Justin Llewellyn, the newly-appointed executive chef at the Vale Resort.***

Justin Llewellyn (42), rejoins the resort, having previously held the post of head chef in 1999 for almost five years.

Before returning, he was the executive chef at Park Plaza Cardiff for four years, and was also resort head chef at the Celtic Manor Resort between 2007 and 2012, encompassing the 2010 Ryder Cup.

"It's wonderful to be back at one of the leading resorts in Wales, at a time when it is expanding rapidly," said Mr Llewellyn, who has been a chef for 26 years.

"Hensol Castle's development was a big draw for me, particularly the upcoming launch of a new destination restaurant overlooking the lake."

When Mr Llewellyn left The Vale Resort, the 400-year-old castle was derelict. It has since undergone a £10 million refurbishment, reopening in 2015 as a first-class conference and wedding venue. As part of that redevelopment, a 120-cover, top-end restaurant is due to be launched in the next 18 months, which will be a major project for the Cardiff-born chef.

"This new restaurant is going to be really special," said Mr Llewellyn, who has attended the AA Rosette Academy workshop, where chefs are tested on their culinary knowledge and ability to taste flavours.

"We're going to grow a lot of produce on the Hensol estate – our own vegetables and herbs – and we'll be using local suppliers and small, artisan producers as much as possible."

He will be overseeing the resort's three restaurants: the Vale Grill, its signature restaurant, which has an AA rosette; La Cucina, where the menu is inspired by Italian cuisine and the forthcoming Hensol Castle restaurant.

"We are so lucky in Wales to have access to so many good Welsh producers; by working closely with all of them it ensures our guests can enjoy fantastic, seasonal Welsh food each time they visit," he said.

"I've catered for major sporting teams and events before, including the 2010 Ryder Cup, and really enjoy the challenge these occasions present," said the chef, who first started cooking at his parents' bed and breakfast as a teenager.

"I'm a Welsh chef, cooking Welsh food for one of Wales' leading resorts. It doesn't get much better than that. It's hugely rewarding and I feel lucky to be paid to do what I love."

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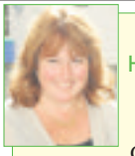
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# HOST A BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY IN NEXT MONTH!

**MARIE CURIE is calling on people across the Vale to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of the charity this June – with support from the county's own beauty queen.**

From June 23-25, Marie Curie is encouraging people to get together with friends, family or colleagues to host a tea party, bake sale or special tea break to raise funds. The money raised will help Marie Curie provide vital care and support for people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Hannah Leckie, Marie Curie community fundraiser in Cardiff and the Vale said: "Holding a Blooming Great Tea Party really is a piece of cake.

"Just pick a date, send out some invites and simply raise a cuppa between June. 23-25. You can choose to make everything yourself, or pop to the shops for some tasty treats; as long as you price each slice or put a donation box by the front door, you'll be sure to raise funds to help Marie Curie support people when they need it most."

Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Sophie Norris, who recently competed in the Miss Wales final, is also encouraging people to get involved.

Sophie (22) offered her support to the charity in memory of her grandmother, Mary Norris, who died at the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth seven years ago.

She said: "I can only describe the care she received as amazing. Everyone here was wonderful, just the general feeling of the place was wonderful, we felt so comfortable as a family, even during a very difficult time."

Sophie enjoys baking in her spare time, and her speciality is drip cakes. She will be baking some of her own treats for her fundraising tea party, and plans to invite some friends she made while taking part in the Miss Wales contest.

*To find out more and receive your fundraising pack, call 0800 716 146 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk /teaparty*

*Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Sophie Norris, with Hannah Leckie.*

## Talk on memories of Llanharry and district

**WELL-known local historian David J Francis of Llanharry will launch his memoir of Llanharry, Llansannor and district at Llanhari Primary School next Tuesday, May 16 at 1.30pm.**

This new 52-page publication from Cowbridge History Society will be available at the launch price of £3, and the author will be present to sign copies. There will be entertainment from the schoolchildren and all are welcome to attend. The postcode for the school is CF72 9LQ.

*Contact the secretary at dicktonkin@btinternet.com for further information.*


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# Cardiff College accountancy students 'surprised' at success

*AAT students Jonas Bernardo, Abigail Hampton and Joseph Harvey.*

**A TEAM from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) has come second in the Skills Competition Wales Accountancy contest finals.**

AAT Accountancy students Jonas Bernardo, Abigail Hampton and Joseph Harvey beat off almost all comers to achieve second place in the six-team challenge.

Competitors were given a series of tasks including processing sales invoices and credit notes, completing books of prime entry, general ledger and subsidiary ledger accounts and create a PowerPoint presentation.

Student Abigail Hampton said: "I was nervous – we had only found out about the competition the day before so I didn't have a clue what to expect!

"The competition was called 'A Day in the Office' and we had to do all the things we would have to do in a normal working day for an accountant. We processed invoices, did accounts and then gave a presentation.

"I didn't think we would get anywhere so I was very impressed that we came second."

# VALE TRIO ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE GORSEDD

**THREE Vale residents will be honoured by the Gorsedd of the Bards at the Anglesey National Eisteddfod,**

The honours, presented annually, recognise individuals from all parts of the country for their achievements and their commitment to Wales, the Welsh language and to their communities across Wales.

This year's individuals will be honoured at special ceremonies on the Eisteddfod Maes in Bodedern on Monday, August 7, and Friday, August 11.

The vale residents to be honoured are:

**Nia Roberts**

Originally from Anglesey, presenter, Nia Roberts now lives in Cowbridge. She is the daughter of the late actor and teacher, JO Roberts.

She is one of S4C's most familiar faces and a much-loved voice on Radio Cymru, with extensive experience of presenting live events and cultural events of all kinds, including the National Eisteddfod, the Urdd and Côr Cymru.

She also presents Radio Cymru's weekly arts show, *Stiwdio*. Last year, she received an honorary Fellowship for her contribution to the field of broadcasting by Bangor University.

**Iwan Guy**

Iwan Guy is from Cowbridge and is a well-known singer, conductor and teacher. A former national winner, he worked as a professional opera singer for years, performing with various opera companies.

Following an accident, he trained as a primary school teacher, and was influential both as a teacher and a headteacher in the south east, before being appointed as director of the NAHT union in Wales.

He continued his interest in music and has established and conducted a number of choirs and the Cowbridge Choral Society.

**Rhodri Jones**

Rhodri Jones, Penarth, has given a lifetime of service to Welsh as a second language education in south east Wales, spending 20 years as head of the department of Welsh at Barry Boys School, a teaching consultant with responsibility for Welsh as a second language in the secondary schools of Cardiff and the Vale and as an inspector with Estyn.

But his contribution to Wales is much broader than this, due to his interest in the traditions of Wales, especially folk dancing.

He has been a member of the executive committee of the Welsh National Folk Dance Society for decades and is one of the founders of Cwmni Dawns Caerdydd. He also organises national training courses.

*The Anglesey National Eisteddfod is held in Bodedern from August 4–12. For more information go to www.eisteddfod.wales.*

# Return ticket for special bus

**SOME of the Vale's most popular summer locations will be accessible from Cardiff on weekends and public holidays because of the return of a special bus service.**

Penarth Pier and Cosmeston Country Park will see a more regular bus service during the summer months.

From April 29, Cardiff Bus's Route 91 will set out from St Mary's Street in Cardiff at 10.25am on weekends and public holidays, terminating at Cosmeston Country Park before heading back.

The last service of the day arrives back at St Mary's Street at 6.23pm.

It will stop at the Millennium Centre and Mermaid Quay in Cardiff Bay every hour before heading to Penarth Marina, Windsor Terrace, Penarth Pier and on to Cosmeston Country Park at half-hourly intervals.

The service will run on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays from Saturday, April 29 to Sunday, September 24 (inclusive) and is financially supported by both the Vale Council and Penarth Town Council.

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# BCBC plea for more foster parents

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is once again supporting Foster Care Fortnight (May 8 – 21) highlighting the need for more foster carers and demonstrating how foster carers are changing lives for the better.**

In Wales, hundreds of new foster families are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for teenagers, sibling groups and children with complex needs. In Bridgend, a 'parent and child placement scheme' is being developed..

Foster Care Fortnight is delivered by fostering charity The Fostering Network and the theme for this year's campaign is 'foster care transforms lives'.

Huw, who has been a foster carer for the past 14 years, said: "Being a foster carer means you open your home, give your time and lend your support to a young person at a crucial stage in their life. If that support helps them to develop, even by just a small amount, it can make a big difference to their future."

Tania, who started fostering by offering respite and emergency care, had her first 'parent and child' short-term placement just before Christmas last year.

Tania said: "I really enjoyed helping the young mum to look after her new baby. I enjoyed showing her how to do things in an easier way. I felt like a mum to the young mother and I'm glad I was able to help her."

Bridgend Foster Care is the local authority's fostering service.

Corporate director, social services and wellbeing at BCBC Susan Cooper said: "We are fortunate that the council has some very dedicated foster carers who work tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the most vulnerable children in our county borough.

"However, there is an urgent need for more families to come forward, particularly families willing to take on siblings, teenagers and those with special needs."

Come and meet the fostering team!

If you have a spare room and are interested in fostering you can find out more at a series of roadshow events organised to support Foster Care Fortnight in Porthcawl, Maesteg and Bridgend. At the roadshows, people will be able to speak to local foster carers about their experiences with the fostering team on hand to answer any questions.

The next information session will take place on June 14 at 6pm at The High Tide, Porthcawl.

*To find out more about this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign visit www.bridgendfostering.co.uk or call 01656 642674 or e-mail: enquiries@bridgendfostercare.wales.*

# Toddlers are well looked after

*Llanblethian Baby and Toddler group.*

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**LLANBLETHIAN Baby and Toddler Group continues to be well supported, and there is always a warm welcome to new families.**

The group meets on Mondays in term-time from 9.30am to 11am at Llanblethian Church Hall.

The group would like to thank Waitrose for recent funding support.

There are lots of toys and crafts, 'circle nursery rhyme time' and a chance for parents or carers to chat over refreshments with fruit and snacks for toddlers.

# *Epilepsy Week begins May 16*

**A LITTLE spoken-about medical condition is affecting up to 23,000 people in Wales, and is responsible for up to 1,000 deaths a year in the UK.**

Once referred to as "the falling sickness", little money is allocated to researching a condition known about for thousands of years. Rarely referred to publicly, except in extreme good or bad news stories, even many of those with the condition won't speak about it – for fear of being stigmatised.

It affects all people, all cultures, classes, gender, ages – though more prevalent in children and those aged over 65; sometimes genetic, sometimes as a result of illness, sometimes as a result of accident.

It is the second most common neurological condition, affecting 60 million worldwide – epilepsy.

This month sees International Epilepsy Week, and Epilepsy Wales will be hosting Epilepsy Aware at the Welsh Assembly on Tuesday, May 16 – an opportunity to meet with Assembly Members over a 'free buffet lunch' and to talk about the servicesavailable to people with epilepsy.

The event is open to anyone touched by or interested in epilepsy.

# Discounted training for charities and groups

**GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) offers an extensive range of training courses specifically relevant to the voluntary sector.**

A spokesperson said: "If you work or volunteer for a charity or community group, our courses are designed specifically for you. Prices start from as little as £20 per course for GVS member groups. If you are not a GVS member and you would like to join, the good news is that membership is free for groups with an annual income of under £15,000.

"Some of the courses GVS offers include introduction to sustainable funding, governing your organisation, minute taking, social media for beginners workshop, tackling twitter for beginners and setting up a Facebook page for your organisation."

"GVS can also design courses specific to your groups' needs and deliver them to an entire team on a mutually agreed date," the spokesperson continued.

"If you would like to find out more about the courses currently available, see the website's training page – www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training or contact GVS on 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales."

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# Collecting a swarm of bees
# First catch the queen, and all the rest will follow

## NEWS FROM THE FON-MON APIARY

**THE dry and sunny days are much appreciated by the bees; egg laying by the queens has now stepped up a level and drones (male bees) are in evidence.**

Colony sizes do vary and some have really expanded very rapidly, as is evident from the swarm calls that have been coming in. No swarms have issued yet from here but I have to be alert, as no beekeeper is immune from this honeybee survival technique.

When honeybees swarm, it is the old queen that departs (with some 30,000 others on average) and as queen bees are not designed for prolonged periods of flight, frequent stops are made. This is when calls come in requesting help.

Very recently a call from the Whitchurch area of Cardiff presented two swarms alongside each other on the same tree. By good fortune they were at head height (five feet) and hanging in easy-to-get-at clusters.

A single cluster hanging nice and easy to get at can be dealt with thus: a collecting box is held close under them, then a smart tap or shake of the foliage will cause a good number of the bees to fall into your offered container. It is hoped that the queen will be among those shaken down!

You will then place your container on the ground under the tree; add a lid, leaving a gap so that bees will be able to enter or exit as they please. If the Queen is in your container the rest of the swarm will follow.

Why is this? Well, the queen does have a specific odour (a pheromone) that tells the bees where she is at all times.

Along with her there will be workers and they also start to produce a pheromone that will inform the bees left on the tree just where they are.

This worker pheromone is produced from a gland at the very end of the abdomen – the Nasonov gland – and to activate this signal the worker will cock her rear end into the air, open the said gland and start to rapidly fan her wings. Very quickly the rest of the swarm will follow.

However, if the queen is not in your container all the bees in it will head back up into the tree to join her.

There will of course be bees from this swarm out and about looking for a home and they will by default return to the very spot on the tree where they expect to find the queen plus their associates.

This is why the beekeeper must leave the container on site until the evening, when all flying will have ceased and all bees will be in the box.

Now because this call-out presented two swarms in close proximity; no shaking or smart tapping could be done, instead a container had to be held right close up and under the bees, then using a brush designed for such a purpose some gentle brushing of bees down into the container was carried out.

The majority of the bees in this swarm were soon collected, because the queen was successfully brushed in and the rest soon followed, making it a very easy task to accomplish.

Swarm number two could then be tackled in much the same way but without the fear of creating mayhem if things went pear shaped!

It is not usual to observe the queen when securing a swarm, but you do know she is there by observing the bees and their reactions.

These swarms will be sited temporarily at Fonmon before going to new beekeepers.

**HAROLD WILLIAMS**

# 'I have unfinished business,' SAYS ROWER TONY

*Before conditions became too 'lumpy' in the Irish Sea.*

**TONY Peters, a member of Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing Section and a local coastguard, took part in the Celtic Challenge – billed as 'the World's Longest True Rowing Race' at the end of April. Here, he provides his report on the race.**

"The race went ahead on Friday. We were told that 1pm Friday would be the only time we could leave, as weather conditions on Saturday would be too bad to row.

"We were informed at the brief before the race, that it would be a bit lumpy going out and it would then flatten off but we would have to row hard as the sea would pick up towards the Welsh coast. Unfortunately the winds didn't give us a break, and they got worse throughout the night.

"The Celtic longboats handle the high seas extremely well, but the support boat gave most people seasickness.

"At first light we tried to change crews and the safety boat and the support boat tried, but it was deemed too dangerous and they were only willing to bring the rowing boat crew on board the support boat and retire from the race due to safety reasons.

"The rowers themselves would have carried on without any hesitation, as we only had about 25 miles to go. We managed approximately 70 miles which took us to Cardigan Bay. Out of the 13 boats that took part, only four made it to the finish line.

"It was one hell of an experience and while on the support boat, I told myself that I'd never do that again. I'm now planning for the 2019 Challenge. "I guess I have unfinished business!"

**TONY PETERS**

# Out & About with The GEM

by GARETH JAMIESON
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## BRITISH COMEDY DELIVERS LAUGHS... but is lacking in plot

**It's hard to believe that in this age of glorious TV dramas, that once upon a time, not so long ago (or the 1980s) there were plenty of low-grade shows revolving around characters with a distinguishable (and slight far-fetched) trait.**

One of those wasn't *Mindhorn*. However, it could easily have been, as a new comedy film of the same name revolves around the alter-ego of the man who brought the character – a character that could tell the difference between truth and lies thanks to his robotic eye – to life.

Richard Thorncroft was the actor, played here by Julian Barratt.

Having seen his career hit the skids after the success of *Mindhorn* goes to his head, Thorncroft becomes embroiled in a serial killer case when the killer, known as The Kestrel (Russell Tovey) tells police he will only deal with Detective Mindhorn.

Donning the character's distinctive eyepatch, Thorncroft teams up with DC Baines (Andrea Riseborough) to track down the murderer...

The notion of actors taking themselves too seriously is one that comedy often explores, and in Richard Thorncroft you have a luvvie for the ages.

Po-faced, taking himself and his craft too seriously, he is reminiscent of countless actors through the years and is a source of great amusement in *Mindhorn*.

Having seen his dreams of American success go south after an ill-advised drink on an episode of Wogan, Thorncroft's career hits the skids rapidly. So the chance to don the infamous eyepatch and leather jacket combo of the great Mindhorn is one he (begrudgingly) accepts.

So far, so funny – and the script, by Julian Barratt and Simon Farnaby, is at its most gloriously inane and comedic when poking fun at anything to do with the series and those involved, whether its the huge success afforded to one of Thorncroft's co-stars (a cameoing Steve Coogan) who stars in a spin-off from the series, or the Dutch stuntman (played with hilarious aplomb by Farnaby) who constantly beguiles and winds up Thorncroft.

These moments are tremendous, brought to life by a skilled cast.

Barratt, who found fame as one half of *The Might Boosh* alongside Noel Fielding, does a great line in pompous agitation and the character of Thorncroft affords him some hilarious moments as he returns to the Isle of Man (the series' filming location that Thorncroft rubbished in the aforementioned chat show appearance) to make peace with a former love and help the police find the killer.

Thorncroft is pitched somewhere between Alan Partridge's lack of self awareness and Ron Burgundy's lack of subtlety, and Barratt takes great delight in seeing Thorncroft's pomposity pricked again and again.

Both Coogan and Farnaby shine in supporting roles, both to a degree harmed by Thorncroft's previous self-aggrandisement and eager to return the suffering, while Richard McCabe's publicity guru offers up some laughs of his own.

But where the film is far less successful is tying these comedic elements into something resembling a plot.

The main action is over pretty early on, and once the plot starts unravelling it becomes weaker and weaker, with story twists and reveals underplayed to the point of ignorance - all feeling cribbed from a trashy B-movie where you would expect to see things coming a mile away.

It wastes the likes of Russell Tovey and Andrea Riseborough, their characters-by-the-books nowhere near as well-written as the actors inhabiting them deserve, while debut director Sean Foley does a decent job with the comedy, but elsewhere it feels 'made for TV' in places, lacking the magic to make it feel like a big screen experience.

It's a real shame, as it's one of the funnier films to have found its way into cinemas in the last year or so, and any opportunity to watch the likes of Barratt, Farnaby and Coogan work their comedy stylings is always appreciated.

Yet sadly, *Mindhorn* lacks quality elsewhere and while it raises genuine laughs, as a whole it just lacks that wow factor.

VERDICT – Often hilarious, when *Mindhorn* concentrates on skewering the world of acting and TV shows it soars like The Kestrel; when it falls into more by-the-numbers plotting, however, it's as underwhelming as a *Mindhorn* fight scene. The cast are good for many laughs, but there's nothing much else to it apart from that. Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: Alan Partridge – *Alpha Papa* (2013), *Sightseers* (2012)

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D982.**

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- **£5:** 138405, 793100, 571708, 386101, 743347, 146807, 127897, 683724, 335302, 604837, 221423, 578373, 632288, 187442, 837511, 299673, 827715, 223057, 957206, 373456, 731239, 297980, 515348, 256276, 353997, 420650, 118637, 581460, 893093, 735338, 724397, 857644, 809747, 337848, 197651, 729252, 736347, 197612, 746631, 526974, 552392, 171658, 792660, 963245, 793814, 738039, 668401, 506986, 454533, 568719, 441618, 716, 847, 226, 1075, 1514242, 1587919, 1869560, 5385.

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The show will be fronted by award-winning landscape designer Alan Gardner – 'The Autistic Gardener'.

Alan has more than 25 years' experience and has won awards at Royal Horticultural Society shows including Chelsea, Tatton Park and Hampton Court. Alan designs both high-concept and traditional gardens and attributes his perspective to the fact he has Asperger's Syndrome.

The production company wants garden owners living in and around Cowbridge who might be in need of a garden redesign.

The gardens must around 80ft and in need of a full redesign. Garden owners must want a unique, fun, yet functional, garden designed by a multi-award winning garden designer.

A spokesperson said: "We are looking for those who want transform their dull gardens but don't know how to achieve it."

*Contact Susie on 020 7907 0896 or Joe on 020 7290 0234 or visit gardening@betty.co.uk.*

# WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

### Over 50s group

**CEFN GLAS over 50s group has many activities including tai chi and 'chair exercises'.**

On May 12, Angela Todd from Bridgend CBC will visit to discuss the new recycling scheme.

For a cup of tea, a chat and to get some l information that affects you, go along to the Westward Community Centre at 2pm.

### Family History in Bridgend

**THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History society will be on Monday, May 15 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RF) and the speaker will be Mr Howard Mortimore, who will speak on the life and times of Paul Robeson.**

Doors open 7pm, talk starts at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

### Free legal advice

**AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a legal advice session on Tuesday, May 16 from 10am to 12 pm.**

The session will be held at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry and no appointment is needed. If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter (other than Criminal Law) just come along and have a chat to a legal team. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

### Valeways guided walks

**ON Tuesday, May 16 at 1.30pm meet at Dyffryn House in the car park (near shop entrance) to visit the ancient burial chambers.**

On Wednesday, May 17 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at the Romilly Cafe on Cold Knap at 10.30am. Meet in Cowbridge the same day at the Physic Garden fountain at 2.30pm.

### May is National Smile month

**ORAL health care for older people can cause problems because of medication, poor eyesight or disability with arms or hands.**

National Smile Month in May is a campaign to help improve oral health and Cardiff and Vale Dental will be holding a session at Age Connetcs Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, May 16 from10am to 12 noon when dental practitioners will be available to chat to and give advice.

*Contact 01446 732385 for further information; no appointment needed.*

### Zumba in Pyle!

**Zumba classes will be held at KPC in Pyle every Thursday from 10 am – 11am.**

Like to lose a few pounds, to feel a bit fitter? Want to meet some new friends – do you want a New You?

The classes are free, but a voluntary contribution is appreciated. All ages/abilities welcome!

Come to KPC Youth, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle (CF33 6AB) next to Pil Primary School; call 01656 749219, kpcyouth@hotmail.com for more information.

### Art exhibition

**PENTYRCH Art Group will be holding their annual exhibition at Pentyrch Village Hall on Sunday, May 21.**

The exhibition will open from 10am until 6pm and admission is free. The group will be exhibiting over 150 new paintings and serving free refreshments during the day. There is ample free parking at the Village Hall and good disabled access.

### Art exhibition in Dinas Powys

**IT'S time for Dinas Powys Art Group to hold their annual exhibition and this year it takes place on the weekend of June 10 – 11, from 10am – 4pm. The venue, Dinas Powys parish hall, is a lovely space with plenty of room to browse the artworks and then relax with tea, coffee and cakes.**

There will be an art table for children to create their own masterpiece, usually involving lots of glitter!

Visitors are always impressed by the high standard of the paintings on display and have the chance to vote for their favourite. As well as the general artwork, this year there will be a selection of images of Wales.

Commission from sales is donated to a local charity. Dinas Powys art group meets on either a Monday afternoon or Monday evening, with guidance from Barry artist Glyn Pooley. Come and sign up on the day!

## Wenvoe craft fair

**THERE will be a Spring craft fair at Wenvoe Community Centre (CF5 6AL) on Sunday, May 14, 10am to 4pm.**

**Entry is free and there will be 30 stalls selling a wide variety of goods**

## SOUTH WALES CAR SHOW

**SOUTH Wales Classic Car Club's forthcoming show takes place on Sunday, May 21, at Cardiff City Football Club from 11am.**

Hundreds of cars and commercial vehicles are expected, and there will be a full arena programme of demonstrations and comment provided by GTFM Radio. There will also be a chance to view classics for sale.

Full catering facilities are available and the show will be suitable for all ages. 'Dr Who' and the Tardis will be present, also a fairground and many other stalls.

Admission is £5, family £10 and concessions £3; proceeds will be donated to chosen charities.

*For further details, see www.swccc.net.*

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# All aboard for the Cardiff Raft Race!

**GEORGE Thomas Hospice Care, Cardiff's local hospice, is calling out to all budding sailors to support the centre as it once again stages the Cardiff Raft Race.**

This year's event is sponsored by Wessex Nissan garage and takes place on Sunday, June 4 at Llandaff Rowing Club. Hundreds of local spectators are expected to watch the race which always attracts teams in full fancy dress, such as pirates, spacemen and Vikings.

The race is open to everybody over the age of 16 and it costs £50 to enter a team of between four and 10 rowers. Teams have to build their own rafts and there is a prize for the best design. Advice on raft building is given.

Starting at Llandaff Rowing Club, rafters have to row upstream for 1,200 metres, turn around a buoy and race back again.

Last year's winners, The Pencae School Dads designed a spaceship raft and defeated the previous year's winners, The Royal Exchange Pub, in a very close finish.

*If anybody would like to enter a team, see www.gthc.org.uk or email nicky.piper@gthc.org.uk.*

# 'Target hardening' is helping victims of domestic abuse

**A SCHEME offered by the Safer Vale Partnership that helps victims of domestic abuse remain in their own homes, has proved a big success.**

'Target hardening' helps make homes more secure through the installation of specialist door locks, intruder alarms and, in some cases, CCTV.

These measures also act as a deterrent to perpetrators, helping the victim feel to more comfortable, hopefully meaning they don't need to use sheltered accommodation.

The elimination of domestic abuse is one of the priorities for the Safer Vale Partnership, an organisation made up of representatives including the Vale Council, South Wales Police, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Wales Probation Trust, Glamorgan Voluntary Services and South Wales Fire Service.

Between April 2016 and January this year, 69 properties in the Vale received target hardening, and the feedback from recipients has been excellent.

One person reported a perpetrator coming to her home address in breach of a restraining order. Images were obtained by police, the perpetrator pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 weeks in custody.

Andrew Nash of Vale Council fire and security said: "It is great to be part of this service, which helps and supports residents in the Vale, especially when they express how valuable this service is to them. The training that was provided to our team really highlighted the issues that victims face on a daily basis."

# Chefs and students enjoy a Michelin-starred masterclass on seafront

*James Sommerin with the students.*

**ON April 24, Michelin-starred chef James Sommerin welcomed top Welsh chefs and catering students from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) to his restaurant on Penarth seafront.**

The Chefs' Forum event was staged to showcase flair and skill that have earned him three AA Rosettes, an impressive Good Food Guide ranking (24) and most recently, a Michelin Star.

Catherine Farinha, event organiser and founder of The Chefs' Forum said: "James' versatile, personable and expert skill set made him the ideal mentor for the day, inspiring the young chefs to help out with The Chefs' Forum event on their day off.

"The students' enthusiastic attitude was duly noted by James and the industry guests who attended.

"The students gave an excellent impression of themselves and in representing their college."

Twelve students from CAVC helped prepare canapés and set up the event for 60 guests from across Wales who came to get a glimpse of James' abilities.

James said: "The students tried really hard today and coped well with some complex tasks given to them. It was clear that they were inspired and that was great to see. I would be more than happy to consider applications from students at Cardiff and Vale based on today's performance."

Joyce Harvey, chef lecturer at CAVC said: "Today's Chefs' Forum event was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience working in a Michelin-starred kitchen and front of house environment. They were able to showcase their skills learned in college in a realistic environment and it was fantastic to see offers of stages and trial shifts being offered to students by industry guests who attended.

"The students will now be supported in following these up."

*The Chefs' Forum continues to hold quarterly events in Wales and the next event will be at Celtic Manor on July 24. The autumn event will be with Stephen Gomes on October 30 at Moksh, Cardiff Bay. Any chefs wishing to attend or get involved should contact catherine@redcherry.uk.com.*

## COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

***RESIDENTS are invited to attend the regular Plaid Cymru advice surgery on Saturday, May 13 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Room, County Library, King Square, Barry with any local issues they may wish to discuss.***

*Plaid Cymru Councillors Ian Johnson, Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam will be joined by newly elected Plaid Cymru Councillors Millie Collins and Mark Hooper.*


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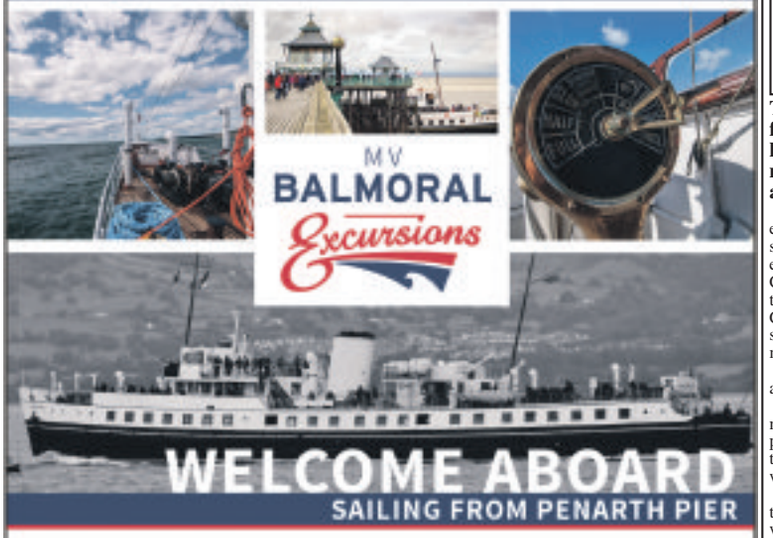


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# Could Sully councillors hold balance of power?

**TWO councillors from Sully could hold the key to a new Vale Council administration.**

By the end of the local election count, which started on Thursday evening at Barry Leisure Centre, and went well in to Friday, the Conservatives were one seat short of an overall majority.

They had 23 of the 47 available Vale seats.

The Conservatives need one councillor, and preferably even more, if they are to establish a working coalition.

It seems unlikely that the Conservatives would work with either a grouping of Plaid Cymru or Llantwit First Independents.

There was speculation that independent councillors Bob Penrose and Kevin Mahoney, who fought off a Tory challenge in Sully, could fit the bill.

Coun Kevin Mahoney told The GEM: "I'm clearly delighted that the people of Sully, Lavernock and Cosmeston have returned independent councillors.

"As representatives we worked hard over the last five years to reflect the interests of local people."

Coun Mahoney said it was clear that a surge in Conservative support was allied to what was happening in national politics.

He added: "I think it's important that independents are elected in local elections as a means of 'checks and balances' to parties who have proven political interests."

*Councillors Kevin Mahoney and Bob Penrose who won the two seats in the Sully Ward.*

# *AM's assistant is chosen to fight the Vale for Labour in election*

**THE Labour Party has announced that Camilla Beaven will be its candidate in the general election on Thursday, June 8.**

Ms Beaven grew up in Barry and Cowbridge, and attended local schools before studying at Exeter University and in Italy.

She returned to Wales and worked in special education, developing an interest and expertise in autism.

She now heads Jane Hutt's office in the Welsh Assembly.

Launching her campaign this week, she explained: "I've lived in the Vale almost all of my life. I grew up in Barry and Cowbridge and now work for our Labour AM Jane Hutt, fighting every day for the most vulnerable and standing up for local people right across the Vale.

"This isn't just any community to me and this isn't just any election. This is my home and I'm standing here because I want to give something back to the people and places that have helped shape me."

Assembly Member Jane Hutt said she believed Ms Beaven would inspire people to support her.

"I am proud of Camilla. She is a dedicated, caring and compassionate person.

*Camilla Beaven launched her campaign this week.*

"Camilla has the energy, vitality and skills which I believe will inspire people to support her on June 8.

"Most importantly, she brings to the constituency her commitment to the community where she grew up and was educated – at Romilly Primary and Cowbridge Comprehensive Schools, now serving as a school governor at Y Bont Faen.

"Camilla champions the needs of people in the Vale and I am delighted to support her on June 8."

In the 2015 election, Conservative Alun Cairns was returned polling 23,607 votes. Labour's Chris Elmore, the nearest challenger polled 16,727 votes.

## READERS' LETTERS

# Tinkinswood fire reported to the police

*The blaze at the ancient burial site.*

**FURTHER to the letter last week from Mr Annis, I also witnessed the fire within the Tinkinswood burial chamber.**

When I asked the man to put the fire out, he gave the same excuses.

We were out clearing the footpath with Prince's Trust volunteers who were very shocked at the incident.

I reported the fire to CADW who visited the site soon afterwards, and they reported the details to the police.

Let's hope the couple think again before they burn any more letters.

**Rebecca Exley, Valeways Volunteer Co-ordinator, Barry.**

# Thanks to all who helped after fall

**ON Thursday afternoon (May 4) coming home after voting in the election, my husband had a fall on the corner of Rectory Drive, St Athan.**

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**Christina Davies, Barry.**

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## Local press launches new 'Fighting Fake News' campaign

**IN the run up to this year's Local Newspaper Week, local press publishers are coming together to launch the first-ever print and digital campaign against fake news and highlight the very high levels of trust that readers place in local newspapers.**

Launched on May 3, Fighting Fake News will see local newspapers across the UK carry editorial and graphics highlighting the industry's highly trusted credentials and the importance of local newspapers in reporting on the upcoming general election.

Papers will highlight the checks and balances involved in reporting local news and the investment required to produce local journalism, as opposed to distributing fake news to profit from opaque programmatic advertising.

The campaign will also highlight the highly-trusted environment which local papers provide for advertisers and commercial partners, following an open letter to advertisers from publishers in the 1XL network earlier this month.

Coordinated through Local Media Works, the local marketing arm of the News Media Association, Fighting Fake News will run up to and complement Local Newspaper Week which highlights local newspapers' ability to make a difference for their communities through campaigning.

News Media Association chairman Ashley Highfield said: "The critical role of local newspapers in providing local communities with highly trusted news and advertisement platforms is even more important than ever in the run up to the general election.

"Through their reporting, local newspapers uphold, promote and support democracy, fighting against the fake news which undermines and subverts it. We must champion the vital democratic function of local newspapers now, more than ever."

Fighting Fake News will run up to and through Local Newspaper Week (May 15-21) which, through Making a Difference, will see the local newspaper industry come together to celebrate the campaigning achievements of local newspapers.

As part of the activity, members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite local newspaper campaign from a showcase of 28 powerful Making a Difference campaigns on the Local Newspaper Week website.

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*The 1st Cowbridge Scouts had fun with the hot air balloon.*

# Up, up and away (well not quite) for Cowbridge Scouts!

**THE 1st Cowbridge Scout had amazing afternoon on the field behind the scout hut on Saturday, May 6, thanks to Peter Mossman from Chepstow with his hot air balloon.**

There were stalls with teas and cakes, tombola and lots of games to play. The fun day was for the Cubs and Beavers to help with their flight badges.

The hot air balloon was put up on a short tether for the children to see. Unfortunately, it was too windy to stay for long.

Everyone had a great afternoon and we made a little money for the Scout group as well. We would like to say a big thank you to Peter for donating his time to us, and to Peter John at David Johns for lending fencing to keep the public safe.

Many thanks to Linda, Michelle, Sarah, M and M, and all the leaders who gave up their day to help. We hope that everyone who came to watch enjoyed it as much as us.

**Christine Mallett, Cowbridge Cub Leader**

# Lions say 'thank you!'

**LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions Club would like to say a big thank you to all who supported, participated in and helped with the May Fair.**

It was great to see so many people of all ages there having a good time.

There are many photos on the Club's Facebook page, including one of the winner of the Baby Competition, taken by Dave Edwards! *www.facebook.com/lmandclions/*

Those who were there on the day very generously put £1,463 into the collecting buckets. This will go to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund (Registered Charity No. 1148806) and be used to help those in need, primarily in the local area.

In addition to these donations, money was also raised from the Lions' burger stall, tea tent and children's 'Ring a Bell' as well as the pitch fees from stallholders. The burger stall was particularly popular and had a record day.

The next event for Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be the Victorian Fayre day in Llantwit Major on Saturday, June 24.

*If you think you might be interested in joining Lions you can call 0845 833 6763, e-mail info@lmandclions.org.uk or visit Facebook www.facebook.com/lmandclions.*

**JOHN ANDREW**
**Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions**

# HERITAGE BUSES ON THE ROAD IN BARRY

**ON May 7 the heritage bus group based at The Bus Depot, Barry, held their 25th anniversary Running Day, opening their depot to visitors and giving free rides on some of their preserved vehicles.**

This included for the first time a member of the group offering to give rides on a 59-year-old Leland PD2 from the north east town of Wigan.

Others operating included their ever popular (now 53-year-old) open top Cardiff double deck bus, a 51-year-old Newport Atlantean, and a former 1996 minibus that used to operate in the Rhondda Valley.

Mike Taylor, the heritage bus groups chairman said: "For our 25th anniversary we had our best Running Day yet. The sun came out, which helps, and from talking to our visitors, a lot of families came from the local area and it was good to see so many children travelling on our heritage buses.

"Visitors came from all over south Wales and some from Bristol and Manchester. A grand day was had by all. Our next event is the larger classic car and bus Barry Festival of Transport on Sunday, June 11."

The Cardiff Transport Preservation Group started in 1992 when it secured two vehicles; now it has around 40 and membership has risen from the original three to six when the charity was formed, to 205.

*The Cardiff Transport Preservation Group celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year at The Bus Depot, Broad Street, Barry. For more information see our website: www.ctpg.co.uk.*

# Lifeguards' Easter egg hunt

**LLANTWIT Major Surf Lifesaving Club's annual Easter egg hunt took place on April 15 at Llantwit beach.**

The sun was shining and the Easter Bunny had been hard at work. There was a great turnout and 30 beautifully hand-painted rocks had been placed around the beach.

Whoever found a rock got to keep it, and also had an Easter egg as a prize.

Again this year, the event was free and was sponsored by Watts & Morgan, along with Atlantic Crossfit in Barry which also kindly donated eggs, so a very big thank you to them.

While the 'hunting' was taking place, the club put on bacon sandwiches, burgers and refreshments, with the added bonus of lots of chocolate goodies.

There were many happy faces throughout the afternoon and we also raised £400 for the club.

A very big thank you to the sponsors, Emma Kaye for her artistry and all our other little Easter helpers!

**VICKI WIGGINS**

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# Ystradowen WI holds its AGM

**THE May meeting of Ystradowen and District WI had 29 members gathered for the annual general meeting in the village hall.**

Even in the absence of a speaker, the evening still produced an interesting mix.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, approved and accepted. President Jan Foyle reported back on the recent visit to Duffryn Gardens and it was obvious from comments that it had been a tremendous success.

A recent lunch at the Bryn Owain was also much enjoyed by members.

The group had again been invited to volunteer as stewards for the Glamorgan Show on Saturday, July 22.

The president reported on the council meeting she had attended at Port Talbot and said it had been interesting and informative.

The speakers, Dame Rosemary Butler and Helen Sharman, gave a fascinating insight into their very diverse lives, the former as the Speaker of the Senedd, and the latter an astronaut.

The group were reminded of the variety of events in the coming months, including archery and shooting, Tunisian crochet and something called Foot Golf!

The two resolutions put before WIs nationally, 'Keep Microplastic Fibres Out of Our Oceans' and 'Alleviating Loneliness' were discussed. The members heard the arguments for and against the two subjects which affect us all, and voted appropriately.

The annual financial statement from treasurer Pam Robins reported that the group was in a sound position and that the membership has now risen to 36.

Minute secretary Barbara Richards gave her annual report and it brought back some warm memories of a very full year.

The WI representative for the election of president was Claire Gunning, who congratulated the group on reaching its 30th anniversary and then produced a photograph of a very pretty little girl. It was Claire in the year the group were formed!

She also reminded members that in that year, the Channel Tunnel came into being, IKEA came to the UK, Margaret Thatcher was the dominating figure in politics and Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* sold for millions.

Jan Foyle was again elected president, to everyone's delight. All in all, it was a diverse and thoroughly enjoyable evening – as little bit like Ystradowen and District WI itself.

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# LLYNFI VALLEY TRACTORS RAISE CASH FOR BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

**PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS**

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**ON Sunday, May 7, the Llynfi Valley Vintage Club held a road run in aid of The British Heart Foundation – and raised £545.75!**

Twenty-three vintage tractors and two 4x4 vehicles left Wiggleys Fun Farm just after 10am.

The route covered 23 miles through Llangynwyd, Maesteg Town, Lletty Brongu, Llangeinor, Blackmill and finished on the top of Mynydd Y Ger mountain.

Tom Thomas and his son Steve said that it was the first run that they had organised and was one that Tom had wanted to do for a few years.

Tom had a four-way heart bypass operation more than 20 years ago and he said he owes so much to all involved at Morriston Hospital.

We would like to thank everyone for giving up their free time and making it a very successful day. A massive thank you to Dai Rees of Wiggleys and to Andy from Llangeinor Arms for the donation of a meal for two that raised £36. Our final thanks go to Sian and Sarah for the wonderful food.

**Steve Thomas**

# Volunteers' hard work gives club a new pavilion

**THE sun was shining over Southerndown when Vale AM Jane Hutt visited the Southerndown Cricket and Social Club recently.**

She viewed the newly-refurbished cricket pavilion, provided thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the Great Western Cricket Club.

She congratulated the trustees of Southerndown and members and supporters of Great Western who have worked hard over the past year to refurbish the pavilion and secure a lease for the grounds, which are now in great condition for cricket to resume play.

A spokesperson said: "Developing social activities is a key part of this local community venture with a successful Easter egg hunt organised before Easter and the potential for lots of family activities."

*From left: Joe Merry, Jane Hutt AM, Bob Hopkins and Tim D'Arcy.*

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

### (BROOKFIELD AVENUE (RHAN) A MEADOW VALE (RHAN) Y BARRI (CAU FFYRDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu, o fewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

**ATODLEN 1**

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

**ATODLEN 2**

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| **Lleoliad** | 1. Bydd **Brookfield Avenue, y Barri** ar gau wrth ymyl rhif 2 Brookfield Avenue (grid 313257 169732) am 20m i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin, a 30m i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain.<br>2. Bydd Meadow Vale, Y Barri ar gau o'r gyffordd gyda Coldbrook Road i'r gyffordd â Brookfield Avenue.<br>**Ni fydd trefniadau hyn i gau'r ffyrdd mewn grym ar yr un pryd.** |
| **Rheswm** | I wneud gwaith gwella ar Reoli Llifogydd yn Coldbrook. |
| **Hyd** | O 7.30am ddydd 22 Mai am ddim mwy na 18 mis. |
| **Llwybr Arall** | Tra bydd y ddwy ffordd ar gau bydd mynediad i gerbydau drwy ffordd fynediad dros dro a gaiff ei chreu drwy Priory Gardens. Yn ystod y cyfnod hwn caiff traffig ei ddargyfeirio drwy Pencoedtre Road, drwy Ystâd Pencoedtre, Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri a Coldbrook Road East. |
| **DS:** | Sicrheir mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser. |

**Dyddiedig 11 Mai 2017**

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

### (BROOKFIELD AVENUE (PART) AND MEADOW VALE (PART)) BARRY (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

**SCHEDULE 2**

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| **Location** | 1. Brookfield Avenue, Barry will be closed adjacent to number 2 Brookfield Avenue (at grid 313257 169732) for a distance of 20m in a north westerly direction, and 30m in a south easterly direction.<br>2. Meadow Vale, Barry from its junction with Coldbrook Road to its junction with Brookfield Avenue.<br>**These two closures will not be in force at the same time.** |
| **Reason** | To allow Coldbrook Flood Management improvement works to take place. |
| **Duration** | From 7.30am on Monday 22nd May 2017 for a maximum 18 months |
| **Alt. Route** | During these two closures vehicular access will be maintained via a temporary access road that will be created into Priory Gardens. A diversion for traffic will during the above closures be available via Pencoedtre Road, Through the Pencoedtre Estate, Barry Docks Link Road, and Coldbrook Road East. |
| NB: | Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. |

**Dated this 11th day of May 2017**

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

# ATC present 'top fundraiser' trophy to local supermarket

*The presentation at Sainsbury's.*

**DURING October and November Cadets and staff from 2318 Aberkenfig Sqn ATC took part in customer bag packing and Poppy sale events at Sainsbury's in Bridgend.**

They were there for a total of 16 hours over four weeks. This was in aid of The Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal.

The Cadets' input helped raise the magnificent sum of £16,156 for the appeal and meant that Sainsbury's Bridgend received the accolade of achieving the largest amount of money collected by any store in the region.

The Major Bernard M Schwartz DL cup was presented to the store manager, Mr Darren Cooper, by members of The Royal British Legion, supported by Cadets from 2318 Aberkenfig Sqn.

Members of The Royal British Legion and cadets who were able to attend the presentation were treated to refreshments at Sainsbury's with a cake adorned with poppies, made by a member of Sainsbury's staff.

Cadets involved with the bag packing event and presentation were F Sgt Casey Marchant, Sgt Tyler Davies, Sgt Aaron Thomas, Cpl Erin Morgan and Cadets Hannah Gee, Lauren Gooch, Ellie May Hart, Madison Parkhouse, Dafydd Roach, Kyle Sims and Megan Williams.

During the Easter holidays four Cadets from 2318 Aberkenfig Sqn ATC spent a day at St Athan attending a flying course when they had flights in a Grob Tutor aircraft.

They each had a flight lasting approximately 30 minutes and flew over Port Talbot and the Bristol Channel, taking control of the aircraft during their flights.

The Cadets fortunate enough to have this experience were Cpl Erin Morgan and Cadets Ellie May Hart, Madison Parkhouse and Megan Williams.

*2318 Squadron parades every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Bryncethin Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9.15pm where new recruits will be warmly welcomed.*

*Sharon and Chris Taylor, together with members of the BUFFS donate £1,000 to Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre.*

# PENCOED BUFFS' DONATION TO WELSH CANCER CENTRE

**SHARON and Chris Taylor were delighted to receive a very generous donation from the Pencoed branch of the BUFFS club for £1,000 towards Velindre Cancer Centre.**

Sharon's father is a member of the society and they have a long history of supporting Velindre Cancer Centre.

The donation was part of Sharon and Chris's fundraising towards a Ben Nevis Challenge that they will be part of on May 14.

They are scaling Scotland's highest peak to support their friend Tracey Davies as she fundraises for her epic challenge – Ride With the Pride, a 400km bike ride in New Zealand.

The ride will be led by Wales and Lions legend, and Velindre patron Shane Williams.

Tracey has been fundraising nonstop for the last few years, with dinners, completing three sky dives in one day and other activities including the Cardiff Half Marathon. The Ben Nevis trek alone is targeted to raise nearly £8,000.

There has been some terrific support along the way, especially from Phillip Carter Signs in Aberkenfig, and if any local companies would like to support Tracey email: ozzwald123@gmail.com.

All the money raised will be used to support cancer patients and their families at Velindre Cancer Centre.

# Pen-y-Bont Surf Life Saving Club become Stillwater Champions

*The Pen-y-Bont Club masters are GB champions!*

**PEN-Y-BONT Surf Life Saving Club have added to this year's successes by becoming GB Master Stillwater Champions.**

They took Master, Open, Youth and Nipper teams to the GB Pool Championships, where they competed with not only Welsh clubs, but national clubs too.

The first competition took place for the Nippers at Cardiff International Pool on March 25 and 26, where they achieved 11th place out of 29 clubs.

They had an individual medal haul of one gold, two silver and three bronze, while the relays managed one silver and three bronze.

Next it was the turn of the Masters and Open teams at Millfield School, Street, on April 22 where the Open team gained sixth place out of 16 clubs.

The Masters became GB Champions and brought home a total of 34 individual medals of which 15 were gold, 12 silver and seven bronze and the for the relays three gold, two silver and one bronze.

The Masters are hoping to continue their success into the Ocean events to really make their 50th anniversary year one to remember.

Finally, it was the youth team's turn to round up the stillwaters competitions. They competed in Millfield on April 23 and came seventh out of 25 clubs where 10 individual medals were won and four relay medals.

Congratulations to all who competed and a thank you to everyone who is so far making the club's 50th year one to remember.

Beach training has begun for all age groups in the club in preparation for the Welsh and GB Ocean Championships in July and August.

*For more information about the club, see www.penybontslsc.org.uk or alternatively, come to Ynysawdre swimming pool on a Thursday night from 7pm.*

# Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:**

Wednesday, May 3: equal first Simon Richards and John Beard and Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; third, Wendy Williams and Marjorie Morris.

The winners on handicap were Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

Thursday, May 4: first, Ann Fox and Colin Lewis; second, John Henson and Chris Rawlings; third, Steve Burgoyne and Leila O'Hagan.

The winners on handicap were Ann Fox and Colin Lewis.

Friday, May 5: first, Norma and David Newman; second, Dave and Debbie Lea: third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; to enable a prompt start players should arrive 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner and visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm, starting in September in Norton church hall.

*For further information about the lessons and any other club activities contact Steve Burgoyne (01656 661968), John Evans (01656 880372) or David Newman (01656 649138).*

# Bridgend choir is off to school – in Harrow!

**DURING June, Bridgend Male Choir will be appearing at two historic venues – Harrow School, north west London and the Coal Exchange in Cardiff Bay.**

Harrow School is certainly a unique venue and the school's Speech Hall will be the venue for an evening concert on June 17.

The hall, which was built in 1871 and replicates the Globe Theatre, will provide a dramatic backdrop to an evening of exciting Welsh musical entertainment with Bridgend Male Choir and the Lewis Merthyr Band, under the baton of renowned Welsh conductor Owain Arwel Hughes.

The concert is in support of St Mary's Anglican Church, Harrow on the Hill.

The historic Coal Exchange building in Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff has been restored and converted into a luxury hotel, the Exchange Hotel.

It was here at the Coal Exchange that the first-ever £1,000,000 cheque was signed in 1904 and where the choir will entertain 200 guests at the Chartered Institute of Builders (CIOB) presidential dinner on June 22.

**MARTIN CADOGAN**

# AM blames Welsh Government for 'delayed arrival' of airline

**JANE Hutt has denied a suggestion that the Welsh Government was "six or seven years late" in securing a flights deal with Qatar Airways.**

The Leader of the House and Vale AM was questioned on the issue by South Wales East AM Mohammad Asghar at the National Assembly.

He said that six years ago he had raised a business enterprise bill, placing strong emphasis on promoting the Welsh aviation industry.

Mr Asghar told Ms Hutt: "I heard very recently that the First Minister has arranged very close ties with one of the Middle Eastern airlines, which is going to start next year.

"Don't you think this is six or seven years late, but that this is still a backbone for our economy?"

He asked for a statement on aviation industry development in Wales.

Ms Hutt said it was "great news" that the airport had secured the deal with Qatar Airways for flights to Doha.

She said the Welsh Government had secured and sustained the airport and is continuing to develop it.

Ms Hutt said: "The aviation policy of the Welsh Government is clear, and is delivering, and will go from strength to strength.

"But it is important that we are able to take stock of those good news announcements."

*GEM note: see page 10 of this edition for more information on the announcement.*

# Councillor's thanks

**THROUGH the pages of The GEM I wish to extend a very grateful thanks on behalf of myself and fellow Llynfi independent candidates, to all those who put their faith in us in last Thursday's election.**

The Llynfi Valley communiy can be assured of our best service at all times.

Yours most sincerely,

**Coun Philip W Jenkins.**

# The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

**THIS Sunday, May 14, sees the Vale pool team host their first home WPA interleague county fixture.**

The team, captained by James Hill, will entertain Neath in a top of the table clash. Under James' stewardship the Vale are on their way to promotion, and so far they have completed three away fixtures.

A very good 18-18 draw against Porthcawl. was followed by a tough and hard-fought win against Caerphilly C, final score 20-16, and their third match was against the young Carmarthen Dragons with the Vale coming out on top with an empathic 28-8 win.

The Vale players that have impressed are Ryan Rowlands, captain James Hill, Graham Avient, Jamie Stanton, Ian Hill and Shaun Smart.

In the league, the Billy continue to dominate, but this week they were held to a 5-5 draw against the Whitchill, with Ian Roberts, Mark Ingram and Ceri Morris shining for the Billy.

But, it was man of the match, Barry's number one Chris Bardsley, who stole the show, winning all his matches easily.

In his first game he broke and cleared up all in one visit against John Farrugia, who could only watch and applaud the craftsmanship of Mr. Bardsley.

It's been a busy week for Chris and his partner Laykan who gave birth to their beautiful daughter last week.

The league sends their congratulations to all and wish them a long and healthy future.

In the other outstanding fixture, Cocopops beat the Borough 6-4. The Borough were looking for a win after three of its team had recently represented Wales in the European Championships in Bridlington, coming a very respectable fourth.

In game two Mike Dunn broke and cleared up, making it look so easy. His opponent Gavin could only look on from his chair with admiration.

With good performances coming from captain Graham and Ade Ledbetter, a valuable eight points was earned by the title-chasing Cocopops.

Presentation night is fast looming and the league are looking for local businesses to sponsor some of the cups.

The next season starts in July and we are looking for new players and new teams to sign up, players of all capabilities are welcome.

*Please text Joe on 07870 498738 or email valeofglamorganpool league@gmail.com.*

**JB**

# *NEWS FROM THE SEA VIEW LADS*

**OVER recent months anglers have seen the highs and lows of fishing.**

Some local competitions have seen weights as low as a few pounds taking the honours with many competitors weighing in just ounces, while on other days winning bags have been close to 30lb!

The lads still persevere though and thankfully the fishing at the moment is looking promising.

The summer species such as rays and dogs predominate with some nice smoothounds livening up the occasional session.

As the weather improves more species will continue to come and visit our shores.

Not all members are satisfied with the catches on our doorstep though - many go the extra mile (or thousand) to have the chance of that fish of a lifetime.

Norway and the Canaries have been regular destinations and a recent foray by several members to Fuerteventura saw some excellent rays around the 100lb mark, monkfish to 40lb and hounds over 30lb being caught from the shore.

The social activities keep on coming and getting better.

The recent mystery trip saw 35 anglers leave Barry in the early hours for a day of intrigue.

Fishing the glamorous venue of Burnham on Sea in glorious sunshine, 11 anglers actually caught fish.

Thomas Williams' two dogfish took top place on the day but who cares about the fishing when the lads are having an away day and such fun?

The shore section has persevered in recent years in spite of occasional poor support but numbers are improving and competition is again hotting up.

Any anglers that enjoy sea angling and want the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people are welcome to join us.

The boat section, which has suffered in recent years with poor support, seems to be undergoing a rejuvenation and additional dates have been added to this year's calendar.

We have several more shore events being planned in addition to the weekly competitions and it is good to see some early members re-joining along with new faces.

**JC**

# Barry Chess Club hold championships

**WE recently completed the Barry Chess Club Championships.**

Going into the final round there were three players with a chance of winning the trophy and two players who could win the Plate.

On top board Chris Green took on competition leader Sam Jukes. Next to them Ken Hannah had the black pieces against John Stephenson.

Sam and Ken led the table with three wins and a draw each. Chris was a half point behind so to win he needed to defeat Sam and hope that John could defeat Ken.

In the end, both games ended in draws. This would give me a headache in my eforts to separate them on tie break.

I checked online for a long time to try to establish how the byes earned by Chris and Dave Parsons would affect the tie break but couldn't find a definite answer.

I checked with our recognised adjudicator, Kevin Staveley, who confirmed that byes are an issue.

I already knew that. I spoke to Mark Wakeham, an established online club secretary, who agreed with my understanding.

The rules of the tournament make no reference to byes so in the end I felt obliged to include them in my calculations.

Therefore the winner was Sam Jukes with a tie break score of 11.75 against Ken's score of 11.5.

Chris and John were also both unbeaten but due to too many draws, they ended up in fourth and fifth place respectively.

In the Plate I fully anticipated defeats for both of the contenders. Summer Cooke duly obliged, losing to Stephen Bonutto.

Dave Mahoney started the day a half-point behind Summer so his draw against Peter Watkins brought him level with Summer.

Both players had a tie break score of 3.5. In the end I awarded the trophy to Summer by virtue of a better rating performance. Her win over Peter in round four proved crucial.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

*For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.*

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*Bridgend Athletic under-16s.*

# Bridgend Athletic under-16s celebrate Ospreys Bowl win!

*The two teams pictured after a hard-hitting final.*

**AFTER a productive and positive week in training, Bridgend Athletic under-16s were up for this game against Bryncoch in the final of Ospreys under-16s Bowl competition.**

After narrowly losing to Bryncoch the season before in the under-15s cup semi-final, the players wanted to win this game more than any other.

This put an edge on the start of the game. Although the players were up for it, they were a little nervous and this showed during the first half. Despite the Ath pressurising the Bryncoch line on a number of occasions, they could not cross it.

A Bryncoch second row was then yellow carded for an infringement just before half-time. The opposition's defence was holding out but this was finally broken with vice-captain and outside half Morgan Roberts drawing the last defender and putting Gwilym John away to run to the corner to score. Sam Owen converted, and the half-time score was Ath 7, Bryncoch 0.

With the half a game ruling, Athletic made their changes and all substitutes went on and the second half started.

It was soon clear to see the Athletic players' nerves had settled and this showed in their play and it was not long before the Athletic scored their second try through captain Daniel Osarigie; this was not converted.

The Ath were growing in confidence and were playing some smart rugby. At this stage Bryncoch were now back to full strength and they managed to notch a try of their own.

From a lineout they set up a driving maul, from which they crashed over. The try was unconverted which made it Ath 12, Bryncoch 5.

The Ath dusted themselves down and it was not long before they crossed for their third try, with Morgan Roberts cutting through Bryncoch's defensive line, making a break and crossing the line. He converted his own try.

After the restart, captain Daniel Osarigie received a yellow card for an infringement called by the assistant referee, then a few moments later centre Thomas Anthony was deemed offside and was also yellow carded for it being a repeat infringement.

The Ath were now down to 13 men but this did not deter them and they pushed on. The defence was outstanding with players putting in some big hits.

The Ath's next try came through winger Morgan Lawrence. At the opposition's 22, the ball came along the line and the final pass went to ground, but it was deemed to go backwards by the referee.

Morgan Lawrence then collected the ball and still had a lot to do, but he used his pace to cross in the corner. This was converted by Morgan Roberts to make it Ath 26, Bryncoch 5.

With the Ath now back up to full strength and totally relaxed, they were hit with another yellow card, with Kasari Mehta penalised for not releasing.

Again the Ath pushed on, and from a penalty they kicked to touch for a lineout inside Bryncoch's 22.

A training ground move was called by the players. From the lineout a maul was formed and five backs joined it. This was too much for the Bryncoch pack, and when the ball was grounded, it was Morgan Roberts who came up with it.

As this would be the last kick of the game, and indeed the season at under-16s level, prop Iestyn Thomas was asked if he would take the conversion, as he had been slotting them over in training.

He stepped up and put the ball straight through the middle of the posts for a final score of 33-5.

Credit must go to Bryncoch – they stuck at it and never gave up, with a huge well done to all players on the day.

*Team: Samuel Owen, Gwiym John, Connor Fabian, Thomas Anthony, Lewis Dyke, Morgan Roberts (v-c), Josh Tidy, Teo Filis, Jack Obbard, Iestyn Thomas, Lance Burn, Taine Waite, Sion Vigus, Kasari Mehta, Daniel Osarigie (c).*

*Replacements: Brandyn Fooks, Jude Harrison, Kalafi Molitika, Louis King, Macaulay Cook, Morgan Lawrence.*

*Coaches: Paul Obbard, Stephen Knipe, Maama Molitika, Mike Groom, Wayne Fooks. Team manager: Jannean Obbard. Physio: Joanne Thomas.* **PO**

# THE TONDU WHEELERS COMPLETE GRUELLING CHALLENGE

**ON Saturday, May 6, the Tondu Wheelers Cycling Club completed the gruelling 107 miles from Cardiff to Tenby, a cycling event also know as the Carten.**

The Carten, which is an annual event, supports the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) charity.

The event was a huge success for the Tondu Wheelers and they certainly put the club on the map with the support they had from families along the route while riding in a peleton.

The club was set up in April 2016 by a few local ex-sportsmen with rugby and football pedigree, who got the cycling bug after hanging up their boots.

The club, who use the Tondu RFC clubhouse as their headquarters, have gone from strength to strength and now boast nearly 50 members, with men and women from all backgrounds with various abilities and experience, ranging from members who have completed an Ironman event to complete novices.

The club is family-based and they pride themselves in teamwork and helping each other to achieve their ambitions, as well as supporting local charities and people in need.

During the past 12 months much fundraising has been done, and the club have supported Y Bont in Bridgend as one of their chosen charities.

The club wish to thank their local sponsors Bike It in Aberkenfig, GT Developments, Combicare, Jehu Construction and SCM Landscaping Services, and are looking for other local sponsors who would like to support the club for the forthcoming season.

The club are hoping to have a triathlon section in the not-too-distant future and they also hope to encourage a younger element into the club, through events and a junior section.

*Who knows - they might even find the next Geraint Thomas!*

**MIKE SULLY**

# Cowbridge RFC youth lift the district cup at the Arms Park!

*The Cowbridge RFC youth team with the Cardiff and Vale District youth cup.*

**COWBRIDGE RFC youth travelled to Cardiff Arms Park to contest the final of the Cardiff and Vale District youth cup against their old foes Rumney on Wednesday, May 2.**

The game kicked off with Cowbridge playing into the swirling wind. Cowbridge dominated the first 15 minutes and pinned their opposition deep in their own half.

Rumney conceded several penalties and Ioan Lewis slotted home to give the Vale boys a 3-0 lead. Cowbridge continued to dominate and constantly posed threats out wide.

From their-10 metre line the ball was moved early to Max Cunnington in the centre and with superb footwork and acceleration, the Cowbridge flyer left several defenders clutching at thin air to score a magnificent solo try. Ioan Lewis converted for a 10-0 lead.

Rumney, urged on by a partisan crowd, struck back almost immediately. Following a series of penalties, the ball was driven up to the Cowbridge five-metre line.

A clean lineout resulted in a text book catch and drive and an inevitable score. A missed conversion left the scores at 10-5 to Cowbridge.

The second half saw plenty of changes in the Rumney personnel but a similar pattern to the game.

Cowbridge forwards continued to boss the physical battle while the backs looked dangerous every time they moved the ball wide.

Once again, as Cowbridge drove play deep into the Rumney 22, a series of penalties were conceded resulting in a lineout 10 metres from the line.

This time Cowbridge's execution at the lineout was decisive and from the resultant drive, the magnificent Craig Boxhall touched down.

Ioan Lewis added a superb touchline conversion to stretch the lead to 17-5.

As the game moved into the final quarter, Rumney threw everything at the Cowbridge line but the defence was outstanding as time and time again the Cowbridge boys drove their opposition back and forced critical errors.

Predictably, the final quarter also saw a few cheap shots and subsequently both sides would finish the game with 14 men.

However, this was to be the Vale boys' day and as the final whistle rang across the Arms Park, Cowbridge had secured a totally deserved 17-5 victory.

Huge thanks to all who turned up to support the boys. Finally, from all involved within the youth family, a heartfelt thankyou to the departing third years, all making their final appearance in a youth jersey.

*Squad: George Thomas, Craig Boxhall, Ellis Simon, Jack Anderson, Cameron Roy, Ellis Reed, James Holder (c), Joe Davies, Hywel Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Max Cunnington, Fraser Mcgann, Harrison Stevens, Evan Williams, Tom Evans, Max Lucas, Mathew Keating, Josh Evans, Harrison Ashby, Sam Bluck, Ryan Williams, Jake Cannon.*

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# ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

**HUNT-RACING enthusiasts will be saddened to learn of the death, after a short illness, of Abergavenny's Eddie McGuinness who had been involved in the sport as an owner and breeder for more than 40 years.**

The names of Newcastle Brown, New Part, Another Winnie, Definitely It, Mangans Turn and more recently the Karen Williams-trained Mount Prospex, which won a division of the aged maiden open race at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases, will be familiar with many hunt racing enthusiasts.

Mount Prospex's trainer Karen Williams said: "Eddie will be remembered for being a stalwart racing fan and the most enthusiastic gentleman around Wales and the Border circuit. He could be found every Sunday morning at the gallops with the largest pair of binoculars to ensure he didn't miss a thing."

Eddie once had a very young lad lead up one of his point-to-pointers at a meeting and that young lad was Welshman Sam Thomas, who went on to ride the winner of the famed Cheltenham Gold Cup!

He was responsible for giving the legendary champion rider Polly Gundry her first ride at a Welsh point-to-point and he recently wrote a book about his time as a drummer in a local Welsh band.

Eddie was too ill to attend the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at Ystradowen on March 25 to see Mount Prospex win but he listened on his mobile phone to a running commentary with great delight.

He is survived by his widow Irene and three children and his funeral will be held at Croesyceiliog Crematorium on Friday, May 26, at 12 noon.

**ANOTHER WIN FOR EVAN DAVID**

**Llanharan's Evan David, riding Jon Joela for Andrew Pennock, won the open maiden race at the Enfield Chase Hunt Steeplechases over Bank Holiday Monday, and at the Berkeley Hunt Steeplechases David Brace's Dunraven Blue, partnered by Richard Patrick, won the two-and-a-half mile maiden race.**

Lorcan Williams also rode a winner at the meeting on Kit Barry.

**RIDER'S TREDEGAR DOUBLE**

**Clerk of the course, Tim Jones, had plenty to smile about at the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at picturesque Lower Machen on Sunday.**

His team's efforts to get the course in tip-top condition after the recent dry spell were rewarded with a bumper crowd and the former three times Welsh champion rider (1988, 1990 and 1994) had the pleasure of seeing two horses that he owns and bred, along with Tredegar Hunt stalwart John Rees, namely Ruperra Tom and Massini's Dream, both win their respective races under Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, who is having a cracking season.

The best turned-out Ruperra Tom, who like Massini's Dream is out of Cathy's Dream, recovered from a broken pelvis last year to run out an eight lengths winner of the Subaru Restricted from January Don (Richard Patrick) and in the Young Horse Maiden, Massini's Dream came home some 30 lengths ahead of Captain Kennit (Bradley Gibbs) to provide 2011 Welsh champion rider Nick Williams with his first double as a trainer.

Jones, who has never really had the credit he deserved as being the first rider to win a point-to-point and a hunter chase on Norton's Coin, which went on to win the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup at odds of 100-1, can rest assured that his late uncle Howard Jones M.F.H (1929-2017), who worked so hard to keep this meeting on the fixture list, would have been proud of him.

Five runners faced the starter for the Welsh Long Distance Mens Open Race over three miles and five furlongs and Desertmore View (Lorcan Williams) soon had them strung out.

However, four fences from home, Really Unique (Byron Moorcroft) went to the front but by the time the next fence was reached the odds-on favourite Sir Du Bearn (James Bowen) was in the lead and went on to win by 25 lengths.

This was the fourth win on the trot for Sir Du Bearn, who was apparently so exhausted that he didn't return to the winner's enclosure.

The Tredegar Farmers Cup Ladies Open Race was won by Roger Willcox's versatile Patricktom Boru who, under Jodie Hughes, won by six lengths from last year's winner and favourite Watch The Birdie (Hannah Lewis).

The pacemaking Hold Court (Isabel Williams) was a further three lengths away in third spot. "He ran them ragged," said Jodie on dismounting and who just loves riding this 10-year-old bay gelding by Brian Boru.

Mr Willcox said: "Jodie gets on so well with the horse and she gave him a terrific ride."

There were 33 entries for The SD James Construction Ltd Open Maiden which was divided on the day and both divisions were won by horses trained by Pembrokeshire's Amber Mathias.

The first division went to Way Wild West a nine-year-old bay gelding owned by The Just The Wan Club who, under Bradley Gibbs, won by three lengths from the hooded Blue Tinker (Byron Moorcroft) and the second to Lukes Hill, also a nine-year-old bay gelding, who, well-ridden by Ben Jones (son of legendary Dai Jones) in a handy position throughout, went on to win by two-and-a-half lengths from TheBossOnTheHill (Craig Dowson) in a time which was two seconds faster than Way Wild West had taken to win the first.

David Brace's horses have been in fine form of late and his home-bred six-year-old bay gelding Pink Eyed Pedro, confidently ridden by Richard Patrick, gave him his third win in a week when coming home 10 lengths ahead of the early leader Equity Swap (Lorcan Williams) in the Confined Hunts Hunts.

Mr Brace OBE later saw his grandson Connor Brace, aged 16, win the 148cms open pony race on his Don't Tell Dai. The 138 cms open pony race went to Edward Vaughan, aged nine, son of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

**EVAN'S WARWICK DOUBLE**

**Llancarfan's Evan Williams had a 55-1 double at Warwick on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, when his top weighted *Aerlite Supreme* landed the Racing UK Now On TalkTalk TV Handicap under Tom Scudamore at odds of 4-1, and later in the day when his *Market Road*, partnered by Conor Ring, took the JRFB Ltd Conditional Jockeys' Handicap at odds of 10-1.**

However, Evan and his wife Catherine were at the Banwen Point-To-Point where they saw their daughter Isabel finishing second in the ladies' open race on *Buck Mulligan*, who was beaten just a length by *Patricktom Boru* owned by their friend Roger Willcox.

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**The friends of Johnny would like to express their sincere gratitude to hospital staff for the wonderful care and consideration shown to Johnny.**

It was Johnny's express wish that he be cremated and that there be no funeral service. His cremation will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 9PX at 4pm on Friday, 12 May.

There will be an opportunity for friends to celebrate Johnny's life at Cottrell Park Golf Resort, Cardiff, CF5 6SJ at 3pm on Friday, 19 May and also at The Sloane Club, London, SW1W 8BS at 3pm on Friday, 9 June.

Tributes and memories can also be left at http://john.gilbart.muchloved.com

# DEAR
## Linda (née Priestley)

**Linda lost her battle following a long illness. Much loved wife to Alan, mum to Mary. Daughter of the late John and Phyllis Priestley, sister to the late John, Paul and Malcolm. Sister-in-law to Helen, Susan, Marilyn, Suzanne, Jaquline, the late Jimmy and Robert. Aunt to all nephews and niece.**

***Missed by both her families and all her friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, May 15th at 12noon.

No completely black dress wear please. No flowers, donations to Velindre (Brain Cancer Care) and Marie Curie please.

# SHIER
## Beryl

**Passed away suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales on Sunday, April 30.**

***Beryl will be sadly missed by her devoted husband, children, family and friends.***

Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, May 18 at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations may be made to RNLI at the service or can be sent to Park Funeral Directors, Barry.

# HILL
## Mervyn

**Dearly loved husband of Wendy, much loved father of Mike, Deb and Inge and grandfather of Thom and Finn. Sadly passed away at home with family in Swansea on 30 April.**

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# RALPHS
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*Dennis will be greatly missed by all his family and friends who loved him.*

# GOULE
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**Suddenly at Llandough Hospital on May 3, Brian, aged 71 years. Beloved partner of Iris, loved father of Alexis, Robert and Tony. Cherished gramps and bamps to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.**

***Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

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Love from daughters Annette & Jean and son Christopher xxx

## Acknowledgements

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**The family of William Morgan would like to thank Lyndsay J Ellis of The Vale Funeral Services and Andrew Murphy of Cariad Celebrations for making the sad occasion of dad's funeral a lot easier to bear.**

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Date: **17.04.17**

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# Vale Cup finals conclude with some real thrillers!

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League continued their cup finals with the junior finals getting underway on Friday, April 28, with the Year 10 cup final for the Steve Williams Trophy between Barry Athletic and Sully Sports.**

Sully Sports took a two-goal advantage into the second half in a close game. Barry Athletic continued to try and remain in the game looking for goals but in the 39th minute the game was put to bed with Sully's third goal, the final score 3-0.

Sully's goals came from Adam Nilsen (2) and Tom Jones.

The juniors again took centre stage the following day with the Year 8 cup final for the Billy Butlin Trophy between Cowbridge Town Reds and Sully Sports Scorpions.

Cowbridge Reds took a two-goal lead into the second half and, much like the Year 10 final, Sully tried to get back into the game.

Sam Sully struck on the 38th minute to make the score 1-2 but it proved to be a consolation goal only.

Cowbridge Reds fought back to get another three goals to make the final score Cowbridge Town Reds 5, Sully Sports Scorpions 1.

The Cowbridge Town Reds goalscorers were Akka Guwy, Steffan Evans, Ifor Rees, Benji Mulcahy and Craig Tapsfield.

The last Senior League divisional trophy was up for grabs on Sunday afternoon with Premier Division's ASRS Cup on the line in a match between Cowbridge Town FC and Vale United FC.

The first half ended 0-0 in a very tight but open game, and for 38 minutes of the second half the match was very much the same, barring a seven-minute spell between the 49th and 56th minutes where all the goals came - and they all belonged to Vale United.

Jack Dummett was first to strike on the 49th minute with a nice shot squeezing past the Cowbridge Town keeper.

Four minutes later Ryan Jenkins' attempted cross was hit (or mis-hit) with enough precision to take it over the Cowbridge Town goalkeeper for 2-0.

Finally, in the 56th minute Jay Tominey hit a shot from just outside the area to make it the final score Cowbridge Town FC 0, Vale United FC 3.

Thursday, May 4 was the Year 11 final for the Junior Cup between Barry Athletic FC and Sully Sports FC. Barry Athletic took a two goal lead into the second half and hopes of a Sully comeback were dented with Barry Athletic's third goal a minute into the second half.

Despite a spirited fightback from Sully Barry Athletic went on to get a further three goals. Final score Barry Athletic FC 6, Sully Sports FC 0, goalscorers Joe Allwood, Luke Vowles, Harri Edwards, Rhys Woolmer and Cian McArthur-Williams (2).

The following night the Year 7 Final took place for the Brian Riseborough Memorial Cup between league champions Cowbridge Town Reds and Cowbridge Town Blacks.

Cowbridge Town Reds took the lead on the 4th minute but Cowbridge Town Blacks pulled level on the 18th minute leaving the game balanced 1-1 at half-time.

A tight second half saw Cowbridge Town Blacks take the lead thanks to an own goal. While the game looked over, Cowbridge Town Reds managed to get the equalizer putting the game into extra-time; however no further goals were scored meaning a penalty shootout was required.

Cowbridge Town Blacks had their first three penalties saved. Cowbridge Town Reds scored missed and scored their third to put themselves in control. Cowbridge Town Blacks scored their fourth but Cowbridge Town Reds scored their fourth to win the shootout 3-1, making them double champions.

An overcast morning on Sunday, May 7 saw the final junior cup final take place. The Year 9 final for the Harry Gratton Trophy was between league champions and SWFA under-14 cup winners Barry Town United FC and Dinas Powys Wolves, who were league runners-up.

Wolves took the lead via a Kyle Booker goal after seven minutes. Barry Town FC got back into the game on the 25th minute, making it 1-1 at half-time. However, the second half was all Barry Town United as they notched four goals, making the final score Barry Town United FC 5, Dinas Powys Wolves 1. Barry Town United FC goalscorers were Joseff Rosser and Niall Chinn (4).

The sun managed to shine for the final cup final, the prestigious Barry Cup which was between the Premier Division champions Vale United FC and runners-up AFC Rhoose.

Vale United thought they had taken the lead on the fifth minute only for the goal to be ruled offside.

Vale were edging the game slightly and nearly took the lead on the 19th minute with a ball across the box, but no attacking player followed up to put the ball into the net.

AFC Rhoose finally got themselves into the game with the game's first goal on the 35th minute through a goal from Chris Bolton. A minute later, however, the game was turned on its head with a red card for AFC Rhoose, as a late tackle saw the Vale United captain injured and substituted.

After deliberation between the referee and the assistant, Dale Bevan was sent off for AFC Rhoose. While seemingly a game-changer, AFC Rhoose managed to stay in the game and hold back Vale United, only for their hard work to be undone by a long-range effort by Rhys Edwards.

A long chip from 25 yards saw the ball strike the bar only to rebound into goalkeeper Scott McMillan's hands and go into the back of the net. For the third final in a row, the half-time score was 1-1.

AFC Rhoose battled hard to stay in the game and catch Vale United on the break in the second half but Vale put the game to bed with two goals in the 61st and 73rd minutes from Alex Gregory and Jay Tominey respectively, the final score AFC Rhoose 1, Vale United 3.

As is traditional with the Barry Cup, a man of the match is picked and receives the Brian Riseborough Golden Boot award; this year the honour was bestowed upon Vale United's Joe Williams.

This win made Vale United FC treble champions with the league shield, league cup and Barry cup. They now go into the SWFA playoffs for promotion to the Alliance League for the 2017/18 season.

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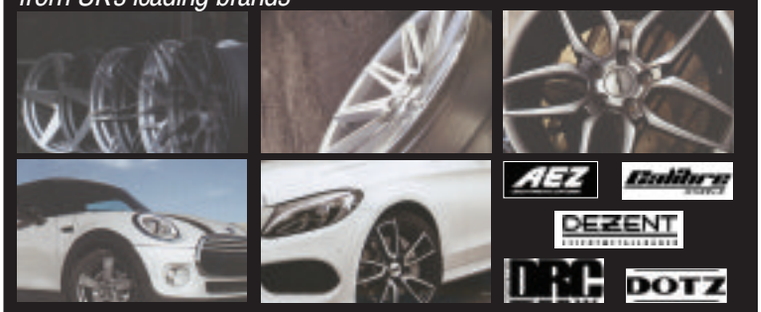
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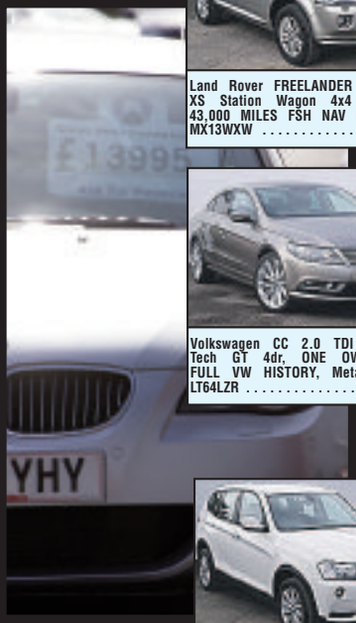

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*Andy Murray was exceptionally pleased to meet Rhydian Phillips recently.*

# Wimbledon fever hits tennis club!

**SO the sun is now shining, and warmer days have returned for the Cowbridge Tennis Club members.**

Although early in the season, thoughts have already to Wimbledon in July. One benefit of club membership is reserved entry to the Wimbledon tickets draw each year and to mark the occasion, the club held a friendly tournament on May Day bank holiday.

After a few hours of fun with juniors and seniors all playing together, the winners were Sarah Penketh and Rhydian Phillips (our club ambassador) with Jenny Lord and David Buick as runners-up.

Sarah Matthews took away the prized men's final tickets in the draw and several other excited members are looking forward to their dose of strawberries and cream in the summer.

In a related piece of news, Cowbridge Tennis Club's aforementioned ambassador, Rhydian Phillips, was on hand at the Monaco Open tennis tournament to give a young Scottish lad (*see above*) some coaching tips from our very own mercurial Alan Duggan that he hopes to see him put into practice at Wimbledon!

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

The mens, ladies and junior teams have commenced their first summer league matches (match reports to follow in The GEM).

We are a friendly, family-orientated club and are always welcoming new members.

*More detailed information is available on our website http://cltc.webs.com, or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.*

**DB**

# Ath youth in play-off action

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC youth, winners of the Ospreys youth league, play Dragons youth league winners Senghenydd RFC in the semi-final of the Welsh youth league play-offs on Saturday, May 13 at Taff Wells RFC, kick-off 2.30pm.**

**AB**

# Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

**ON the final weekend of the Vale League, the Barry Cup was decided, along with the champions of Divisions One and Two.**

We start at Jenner Park where, on Sunday afternoon, Vale United completed a famous treble as they defeated AFC Rhoose 3-1 to lift the trophy.

Rhys Edwards, Alex Gregory and Jay Tominey scored to win the cup as United added the Barry Cup to the ASRS Cup and Premier Division Title.

Barry Athletic B clinched the Division One title after they came from a goal down at half-time to win 2-1 against Cadoxton Barry, Ben Graham and then Dan Morgan with the winner.

Athletic B pipped Barry Belgrade by two points to complete a league and cup double.

Elsewhere in Division One, Dockers were victorious 4-2 over FC Pumas.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Imps were confirmed as champions with a 2-2 draw away to Penarth Town B.

Imps had all but won the league last week with their vastly superior goal difference, but this point sealed it.

Barry Saints finished just one point behind Imps after a narrow 3-2 win over St Athan B.

Island Marine B ended the season on a high note with a 7-1 demolition of BVFC.

There is one more game left to play which took place last night (Wednesday), with SP Billy looking to finish third in Division One if they can get past Cadoxton Athletic.

Vale champions Vale United passed the ground criteria this week and are now entered into the play-offs for promotion to the SWFA Alliance League.

The games are to be played on May 16/17, with a 'last-chance saloon' game on May 20 – all games are at Treforest.

Finally, with the Welsh League season over, two Vale clubs are celebrating.

Barry Town United were crowned Welsh League Division One champions to return to the Welsh Premier League, while Llantwit Major sealed the Welsh League Division Three title this weekend, a sensational achievement. Congratulations to all involved.

**HD**

# *Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up*

**THE ladies, again, took the honours last week, winning two of their three games.**

The first of these games was at home to Llantwit in a Cowbridge Shield game.

Cowbridge won by just five shots overall but by winning on all three rinks gained maximum points.

Llantwit scored 14 on each of their rinks but were beaten by a single shot on two rinks and by three shots on the third rink.

The result was in doubt until the final bowls were played. A good game to play and to watch!

*Match score Cowbridge 47, Llantwit 42.*

Next up was the first league game of the season at home to Millwood from Barry. Cowbridge were keen to build on their success of 2016 and the team did not disappoint, winning well on all three rinks and earning maximum points.

*Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Phyllis Price, Sylvia Hole and Helena Snelling 17-13; Lynda Wilson, May Jones, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson 26-10; Sandra Collin, Jan Lewis, Diane Lloyd and Sue Flower 20-15. Match score Cowbridge 63, Millwood 38.*

In contrast, in a two rink Evening League game away at Dinas Powis, Cowbridge had trouble with a cross wind and strong opposition and lost on both rinks.

*Match score: Cowbridge 18, Dinas Powis 35.*

The men played their last friendly midweek game away to Pencoed and, although managing a win on one rink, were well-beaten on the other three.

*Match score: Cowbridge 46, Pencoed 77.*

For the first of their Carruthers Shield games Cowbridge men were away to Caerau Athletic.

Although Cowbridge competed well in the early stages, their younger opponents were too strong for Cowbridge in the latter stages.

*Match score Cowbridge 60, Caerau Athletic 103.*

Finally, the draw for the clubs internal competitions have been made.

Some of the preliminary matches have to be played this month - members should check the notice board.

**MB**

# Cowbridge RFC news

**PRIDE of place this week has to go the brilliant win by the youth team at the Arms Park against Rumney in the final of the Cardiff & Vale Cup.**

All those present were treated to a huge defensive effort and snapping up of chances against a team that had swept all before them.

Congratulations to the players and the coaches superbly led by Richard Harris.

This Saturday Cowbridge entertain Wattstown in a hugely important game, kick-off 2.30pm on the old school field.

Your support would be a massive boost to the team who have done so well this season. If we defeat Wattstown we will definitely finish third in the league, a great achievement

There has been a change to the guest speaker for the club dinner on May 19 due to Nick Williams' playing commitments, but we are in for a great night.

We have invited sports writer, author and television pundit Peter Jackson, described as a 'true legend' of sports journalism when he retired from the Daily Mail in 2009.

Peter did a lot of his early reporting on rugby here in Wales. He continues to write and of course is well-known as an outspoken guest on Scrum 5.

We have also invited Rhys Williams so a special evening awaits. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible to Rob Price, Rob Vaughan or Rich Killick.

**RK/RV**

# DAY TO FORGET FOR SECONDS

**COWBRIDGE second XI's match last Saturday, away against Gorseinon, is one that needs to be forgotten about as quickly as possible.**

It would be fair to say that it was a one-sided affair as Gorseinon excelled in all facets of the game, resulting in a 143 run victory.

In splendid conditions, with an excellent wicket and with relatively short boundaries, knowing what a good score would be was difficult to assess so upon winning the toss, the Cowbridge captain elected to field first – the first mistake!

Gorseinon's opening batsmen played aggressively from the outset and put on 40 for the first wicket, which fell to Heath Webb.

It was well-deserved given the way he had bowled and the opportunities he had created. John Gilbert picked up a second wicket shortly thereafter but from then on it was a case of 'chasing leather'!

Gorseinon's third wicket partnership of 178 in 25 overs was both brutal and faultless and despite the efforts of the team, the runs could not be restricted.

Two wickets were picked up in the opposition's final over but an excellent innings of 122 not out by the opener Miles Murphy was the backbone of Gorseinon's formidable total of 246 for 4 in 40 overs.

An excellent start would be required to chase down such an imposing total and with the reliable duo of Dave Gascoyne and Jonty Webb opening the batting there was hope, albeit limited.

Gorseinon's bowlers bowled well and with some excellent ground fielding they made runs difficult to come by.

The openers put on 63 for the first wicket before Gascoyne (40) was dismissed trying to up the run rate and when Webb (17) followed shortly after, victory was no longer a realistic outcome.

No further partnerships or individual contributions of note followed and Cowbridge were dismissed for a disappointing 103 runs in the penultimate over of their innings.

Gorseinon are a good side but so are Cowbridge. The defeat by such a large margin is hard to take but it will be forgotten about quickly as the team travel to Pontardawe Park to play Llandarcy on Saturday, hoping to return to winning ways. **JS**

# Penllyn Bridge Club

**AT the AGM of Penllyn Bridge Club, the Robert Brown Cup for 2016/2017 was presented to Allan Evans & Keith Price with 45 points.**

In second place were Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook with 41 points, and in third place Judith & Colin Nunn.

**RESULTS FOR APRIL**

Thursday, April 6 (21 pairs) - 1st Allan Evans & Keith Price 70.54%, 2nd Judith & Colin Nunn 67.06%, joint 3rd Viv Roberts & Joyce Hollway and Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 56.75%

Thursday, April 13 (10 pairs) - 1st Helen & Mike Ruttley 62.5%, 2nd Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 60.42%, 3rd Allan Evans & John Lord 59.72%.

Thursday, April 20 (18 pairs) - 1st Judith & Colin Nunn 74.72%, 2nd David & Marian Stephenson 65.06%, 3rd Diana Lewis & Vicki Long 60.8%.

Thursday, April 27 (17 pairs), Robert Brown Cup - 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley, 71.79%, 2nd Myrtle Hansard & Julie Evans 64.69%, 3rd Phil & Lou Edwards 59.29%. **CN**

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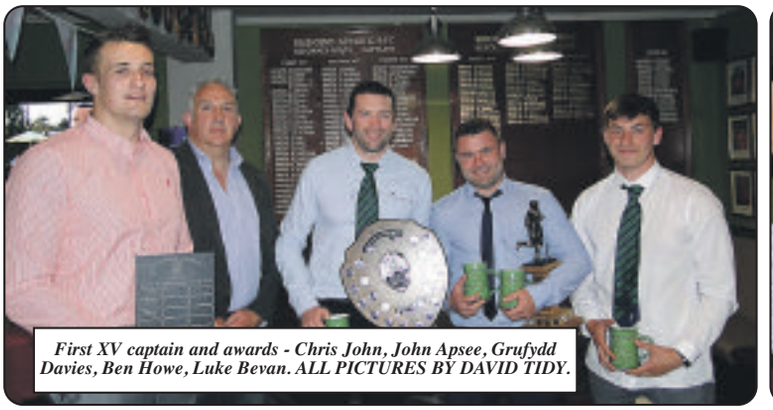
# Athletic hold presentation evening



*First XV captain and awards - Chris John, John Apsee, Grufydd Davies, Ben Howe, Luke Bevan. ALL PICTURES BY DAVID TIDY.*

*Second XV captain and awards - Nick Jones, John Apsee, Aaron Mordecai, Scott Jones.*

*ABOVE: Daryl Dyke Memorial Award - Gruffydd Davies.*

*ABOVE: Club person of year Jannean Obbard (joint recipient Paul Obbard absent).*

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC held their annual senior presentation award evening at their Ewenny Road clubhouse on May 6.**

Club caterer Yvonne provided an excellent three-course meal and was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her exemplary matchday dinners and buffets throughout the season.

Club chairman Mark Davies compered the evening and the awards were presented by head coach and former Wales B international John Apsee. David Tidy kindly stepped in to take the photographs.

The first XV finished a commendable fifth in a competitive Division One West Central League in what was very much a transition period for the club.

They blooded nine of the youth side with half backs Dan James and Luke Bevan and full back Stuart Floyd-Ellis each making more than a dozen appearances.

The second XV finished second in the Mid Glamorgan Premier Division and won the Barrie Morris Memorial Plate Cup final, defeating Bridgend Sports 18-16 in the final.

Mark then thanked the club's sponsors, vice-presidents, donors and supporters so vital in enabling the club to provide rugby for over 250 youngsters between six and 16 years of age, as well as two successful youth teams and two competitive senior sides.

He thanked the club's hard-working committee, welcoming newcomers Mr Jon Davies and Mr Chris Thomas joining Roy Huntley, Terry Coles, David Tidy, David Davison, Phil Goodwin, Phil Rees, Jannean Obbard, Lewis Down and Andrew Tellem.

Ewenny Pottery mugs were presented to David Burt for raising thousand of pounds over 30 years running the 100 club, Adrian Burt, who over a similar period has done press reports and club stats, culminating in recently combining and publishing club player stats since 1982, and Ward Jones for his continued financial support.

Flowers were presented to club physio Chloe Osterloft who the club wish all the best with her impending journey into motherhood.

The dedication of the first team manager Paul Hearne and coaches John Apsee, Stuart Morris, Gavin Thomas and David Williams was recognised, as was the matchday support of Phil Goodwin, Matthew Thomas, Gareth Davies, Paul Obbard, James Groom and Phil Rees, and club physios Chloe Osterloff, Eline Roberts and Gareth T Davies of Sports Therapy.

The second team management team of Liam Griffiths, Lewis Down and Andrew Tellem were also vital to the club with many second team players rising to the challenge of first team rugby when required.

All players were thanked for their contributions as they are the reason BARFC exists. Club photographers Graham of Glennsports and John were also appreciated for their matchday photographs.

Captains' awards were presented to first team captain flanker Ben Howe, who also received the first team player of year award for the second successive season, and second XV captain, scrum half Nick Jones, who also received the second team players' player of the year award.

The first team players' player of the year was won by lock Chris John in his first season with the Athletic, while outside half Scott Jones received the second XV player of the year award.

First XV best back award was won by youth team outside half Luke Bevan who played 17 first XV games and was the leading points scorer with 87 points, while second XV best forward went to flanker Aaron Mordecai.

The Daryl Dyke Memorial trophy was awarded to retiring lock Griff Davies, after 21 years with the club as a youth and senior, having joined as a 10-year-old.

He made 246 senior appearances, scoring 27 tries and 140 points. He was also presented with a framed photo, taken by John Cannon.

First team flanker Sean Williams received a club cap in recognition of playing over 300 games for the club at youth and senior level in 13 years since the 2004-2005 season.

He has played 252 senior games, scoring 23 tries and 115 points. Sean captained the youth team and senior team on five occasions. He was also player of year on three occasions.

The prestigious club person of the year award was awarded jointly for the first time. The deserving recipients were husband and wife team Paul and Jannean Obbard.

Paul coaches the under-16s with Jannean their team manager. Paul also assists with youth team coaching and helps out on senior match days, while Janeean is involved with the club mini and juniors and the District.

Both are heavily involved with club management and the committee. They both help run the bar and carry out club maintenance work.

**ADRIAN BURT**

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# Tondu set to end memorable season with Silver Ball final

**TONDU RFC finished their remarkable season with a 46-19 win at Cwmgors to end up runaway champions of Division 2 West Central.**

The Waterwheelers only suffered three defeats during a very successful season for the club, on and off the field, and now look forward to the Silver Ball final against Rhydyfelin at Aberavon on Saturday, May 20, kick off 2.30pm.

This will be a game that the players and supporters can now go out and enjoy, knowing that they have already achieved their goal in gaining promotion with some great performances throughout a very memorable season for the club.

The club's presentation night on Saturday, June 3, will be a night that nobody connected with the club will want to miss, regardless of what happens a week on Saturday.

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